# STORM PLASTICS

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MANUFACTURERS OF SPECIALISED PVC-U PLUMBING PRODUCTS

-----DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS – AS 2870-2011 & AS 2032-2006.

### **THE MAIN PRODUCTS**



Swivel Expansion Joint 100mm DWV +/- 50mm Expansion

50<sub>mm</sub>

15°

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0





FOUNDATION **Expander Joint** 100DWV 150 mm linear expansion

floor trap

470m m 8 20mm 160 mr Allows Expanda to n the string

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laundry

# THE INSIDE COATING



# THE COMBO BEND - 100mm MOVEMENT 30<sup>degree</sup> DEFLECTION



#### THE COMBO STRAIGHT - 100mm MOVEMENT

#### **30**<sup>degree</sup> **DEFLECTION**



### THE 'BAZOOKA' – 500 mm MOVEMENT



#### THE RANGE – from 50 mm MOVEMENT ... to suit ALL - ys - requirements



### **ARTICULATION MOVEMENT**

#### SWIVEL MOVEMENT



With one Swivel, at a deflection of 15 degrees either side of centre, over a length of 500mm, the Swivel unit allows 295mm of horizontal and vertical movement.



With two Swivels, at a deflection of 15 degrees either side of centre, over a length of approx. 1000mm, the Swivel units allow a pipe deflection of 400mm to 920mm, of horizontal and vertical movement.



By using a combination of Swivel Joints all reactive soil movements can be remedied.



Some applications may only need one, but to have the articulation effect..ie enable misalignment without stressing pipeline, two are required.

#### NON FLEXIBLE INSTALL



### **CREEP & SLIP**

#### **Bazooka applications**



### THE STANDARD: AS2870-2011

# Now linked to AS3500 and part of the Plumbers code

# THE STANDARD: AS2870-2011

As2870-2011 is the most radical change to interpreting Soils and House Engineering we have seen since 1986 and several trades will need to update their current knowledge.

### AS 2870-2011 Drainage Requirements

Section 1.

The site classification **shall** be stated on the drawings.

The selected footing system and any required site work and required site drainage **shall** be documented.

### **MOVING INTO REACTIVE SOILS**

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> Sydney and Brisbane are similar



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#### UNDER SLAB DRAINAGE

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Unless otherwise specified, these joints are to be set at 50% of their sliding ability



#### **ZERO SIDE AREA**



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# **DRAINAGE CHOICES...**



### THE 'e' FACTOR

The 'e' Factor came about from the Walsh method mentioned in Appendix F In AS2870-2011 where movement occurs over an 'edge distance' (e) which applies to both Edge and Centre heave on slab design.



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#### MORE CONCERNS...



Water problems...?





Trench failures occur due to incorrect installation and poor compaction.

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The root of all problems

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Owner is responsible for 'unbalanced' garden watering.(*This changes moisture balance*)



#### **MORE MOVEMENT**



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## **CONDEMNED!**



## WHEN SOILS MOVE, ALL ELSE FOLLOWS



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#### Ready to pour.....





.....ready to break

#### **BUILT IN PROBLEMS**



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# THE STANDARD: AS2870-2011

#### Now incorporates Flexible Couplings in Sewer and Stormwater installations in

#### **Reactive soils**

#### AS 2870-2011 DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS



#### **RETENTION WALL DRAINAGE**



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## FLEXIBILITY?



Although a good alternative to replacing and excavating entire drains, relining, by design, does not allow for any movement in any reactive soils. Expansion and Swivel Joints are necessary for this method.

#### What's the problem?



#### WHAT DOES STANDARDS SAY ?





#### LAGGING: Must be....a) Non-absorbent

- b) very flexible
- c) the right thickness

This means......a minimum of 20 mm thick on H1 Soils

And .....a minimum of **40**mm thick in H<sub>2</sub> and E Soils

#### **CARPET UNDERLAY? – NO.**

• Styrene is used as a simple method but is available in only one thickness and has minimal compressibility resulting in high stress-transfer to junctions

• Closed Cell Polyethylene lagging can be layered to provide 20mm on highly reactive sites or 40mm if in extremely reactive areas. Benefits of high compressibility results in reduced stresstransfer to junctions.





#### **REACTIVE SOILS IMPACT**



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#### **DEEP REPAIR**



## **PROTECTED SYSTEM**



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#### SLIPPED....



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# **DRAINAGE SUSPENSION**

#### Drainage construction alternative:

 All underslab drainage systems could be tied into the slab. All movement can then be accommodated OUTSIDE the building with one Joint.



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## **RESTRICTED ACCESS INSTALL**



#### TREES ARE CLEVER...



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# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

 Additional Tree planting, after handover, is the responsibility of the Owner.(This changes the block's soil ratings)



# **COULDN'T GIVE A ROOT?**

Roots can penetrate **Rubber Sleeve** Joints with serious consequences.



#### RUBBER SLEEVES DON'T EXPAND



### AS 2870-2011 DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

Clause 5.6.3

(a).....The drainage system **shall** be completed by the finish of the construction of the building

(b)The base of trenches **Shall** be sloped away from the building. Trenches shall be backfilled with clay in the top 300 mm within 1.5m of the building

### PLUMBING IN REACTIVE SOILS..



#### **INSPECTION CHAMBERS**



### RURAL Applications : H2 / E Class and or SLIP SITES



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#### Is this a plumbing Problem??



#### Sodic Soil + Plumbing leaks + heavy rainfall = Disaster



## Summary

#### **60 to 70%** of Residential housing, in Victoria and the Greater New South Wales area are currently being **built** on **REACTIVE SOILS**.

Drainage problems **will** increase maintenance costs if AS 2870-2011 and AS 2032-2006 regulations are **not** followed.

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