

Instructions for Use

Megapress Stainless 316



Press connector made of stainless steel 1.4404 (316L) for thick-walled stainless steel pipes

System
Megapress Stainless 316

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1 About these instructions for use

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1.1 Target groups

The information in this manual is directed at heating and sanitary professionals and trained personnel.

Individuals without the abovementioned training or qualification are not permitted to mount, install and, if required, maintain this product. This restriction does not extend to possible operating instructions.

The installation of Viega products must take place in accordance with the general rules of engineering and the Viega instructions for use.

1.2 Labelling of notes

Warning and advisory texts are set aside from the remainder of the text and are labelled with the relevant pictographs.



DANGER!

This symbol warns of possible life-threatening injury.



WARNING!

This symbol warns of possible serious injury.



CAUTION!

This symbol warns of possible injury.



NOTICE!

This symbol warns of possible damage to property.



This symbol gives additional information and hints.

1.3 About this translated version

This instruction for use contains important information about the choice of product or system, assembly and commissioning as well as intended use and, if required, maintenance measures. The information about the products, their properties and application technology are based on the current standards in Europe (e.g. EN) and/or in Germany (e.g. DIN/DVGW).

Some passages in the text may refer to technical codes in Europe/Germany. These should serve as recommendations in the absence of corresponding national regulations. The relevant national laws, standards, regulations, directives and other technical provisions take priority over the German/European directives specified in this manual: The information herein is not binding for other countries and regions; as said above, they should be understood as a recommendation.

2 Product information



These instructions for use contain videos

Some assembly and action steps are shown using the example of a piping system other than the one described here, but are equally applicable.

2.1 Standards and regulations

The following standards and regulations apply to Germany / Europe and are provided as a support feature.

Regulations from section: Application areas

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
No application for fuel gases	DVGW G 260

Regulations from section: Media

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
Suitability for heating water for pump hot water heating systems	VDI-Richtlinie 2035, Sheet 1 and Sheet 2

Regulations from section: Pipes

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
Stainless steel pipes - Dimensions, tolerances and length-related mass	DIN EN ISO 1127
Seamless steel pipes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 5: Stainless steel pipes	DIN EN 10216-5
Welded steel pipes for pressure purposes - Technical delivery conditions - Part 7: Stainless steel pipes;	DIN EN 10217-7

Regulations from section: Sealing elements

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
Area of application of the EPDM sealing element ■ Heating	DIN EN 12828

Regulations from section: Storage

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
Requirements for material storage	DIN EN 806-4, Chapter 4.2

Regulations from section: Leakage test

Scope / Notice	Regulations applicable in Germany
Test on a system that is finished but not yet covered	DIN EN 806-4
Leakage test for water installations	ZVSHK-Merkblatt: "Dichtheitsprüfungen von Trinkwasserinstallationen mit Druckluft, Inertgas oder Wasser"
Requirements for filling and top-up water	VDI 2035

2.2 Intended use



Agree the use of the system for areas of application and media other than those described with Viega.

2.2.1 Areas of application

The system is intended for use in industrial, heating and cooling systems and is a replacement for welded, threaded and rolled-groove connections for new installations and repairs. The system is not approved for use in potable water installations (without DVGW test mark).

Do not use the piping system for fuel gases, see  'Regulations from section: Application areas' on page 5.

Use is possible in the following areas among others:

- Industrial units
- Heating and cooling circuits
- Compressed air systems
- Rainwater
- Agriculture
- Systems for technical gases (on request)

2.2.2 Media

The system is suitable for the following media, amongst others:

For the applicable directives, see ↗ *'Regulations from section: Media'* on page 5.

- Heating water for closed pump hot water heating systems
- Compressed air in compliance with the specification of the sealing elements used
- Anti-freeze, cooling brines up to a concentration of 50 %
- technical gases (on request)

2.3 Product description

2.3.1 Overview

The piping system consists of press connectors for thick-walled stainless steel pipes and the corresponding press tools.

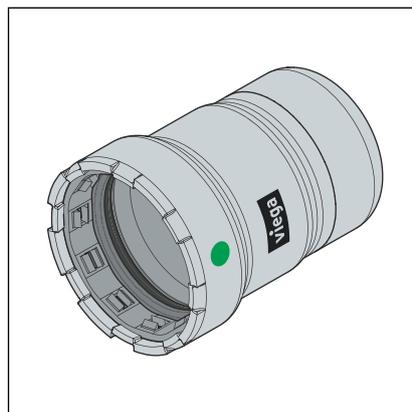


Fig. 1: Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors

The system components are available in the following dimensions:
 $D\frac{1}{2}$ (DN 15), $D\frac{3}{4}$ (DN 20), D1 (DN 25), $D1\frac{1}{4}$ (DN 32), $D1\frac{1}{2}$ (DN 40),
 D2 (DN 50).

2.3.2 Pipes

Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors may be used with seamless (S) or longitudinal welded (W) pipes made of the following stainless steels:

- 1.4541
- 1.4550
- 1.4571

The pipes must correspond to the applicable regulations, see [🔗 ‘Regulations from section: Pipes’ on page 5](#)



If the pipe has been coated, the maximum external diameter mentioned in the table must not be exceeded.

Pipe overview

Thread size [inch]	Nominal width [DN]	Nominal external diameter [mm]	Min. external diameter incl. coating [mm]	Max. external diameter incl. coating [mm]	Min. wall thickness [mm]	Max. wall thickness [mm]
½	15	21.3	20.8	21.8	1.6	4.0
¾	20	26.9	26.4	27.4	1.6	4.0
1	25	33.7	33.2	34.2	1.6	4.5
1¼	32	42.4	41.9	42.9	1.6	5.0
1½	40	48.3	47.8	48.8	1.6	5.0
2	50	60.3	59.7	60.9	1.6	5.6

Laying and fixing pipes

Only pipe clamps with chloride-free sound insulating inlays should be used to secure the pipes.

Observe the general rules of fixing technology:

- Do not use fixed pipelines as a support for other pipelines and components.
- Do not use pipe hooks.
- Observe the expansion direction: Plan fixed and gliding points.

Distance between the pipe clamps

Ø external [mm]	Nominal width [inch]	Fixing distance between the pipe clamps [m]
21.3	½	2.75
26.9	¾	3.00
33.7	1	3.50

Ø external [mm]	Nominal width [inch]	Fixing distance between the pipe clamps [m]
42.4	1¼	3.75
48.3	1½	4.25
60.3	2	4.75

Length expansion

Pipelines expand with heat. Heat expansion is dependent on the material. Changes in length lead to tension within the installation. These tensions must be compensated for with suitable measures.

The following are effective:

- Fixed and gliding points
- Expansion equalisation joints (expansion bends)
- Compensators

2.3.3 Press connectors

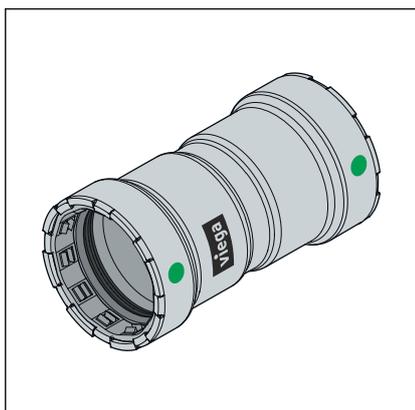


Fig. 2: Megapress Stainless 316 press connector for improved visualisation (not part of the system)

Press connectors are available in a number of shapes. An overview of the press connectors suitable for the system can be found in the catalogue.



The Megapress Stainless 316 system contains only closing caps (model 6256).

The connectors shown below are for better visualisation but are not part of the system!

The Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors are made of stainless steel 1.4404 (316L). There is a cutting ring, a separator ring, and a round sealing element in the bead of the press connector. The cutting ring cuts into the pipe during pressing and ensures a force-fit connection.

During installation, and later during the pressing, the separator ring protects the sealing element from damage from the cutting ring.

SC-Contur

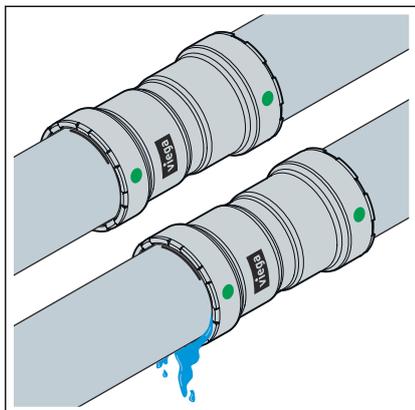


Fig. 3: SC-Contur

Viega press connectors are equipped with the SC-Contur. SC-Contur is a safety mechanism certified by the DVGW and ensures that the press connector leaks in an unpressed state. In this way, inadvertently unpressed connections are noticed during a leakage test.

Viega guarantees that accidentally unpressed connections become visible during a leakage test:

- with the wet leakage test in the pressure range from 0.1–0.65 MPa (1.0–6.5 bar)
- with dry leakage test in the pressure range from 22 hPa–0.3 MPa (22 mbar–3.0 bar)

2.3.4 Sealing elements

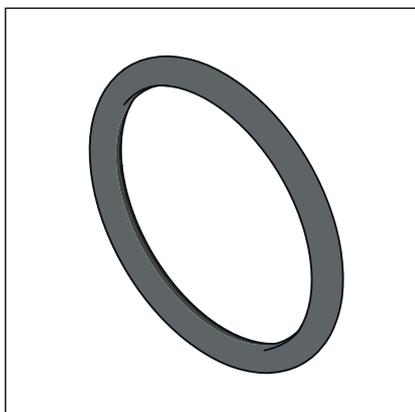


Fig. 4: EPDM round sealing element

Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors are factory-fitted with round sealing elements made of EPDM.

Area of use of the EPDM round sealing element

Area of application	Heating	Solar installations	Compressed air	Technical gases
Use	Pump hot water heating system	Solar circuit	all pipeline sections	all pipeline sections
Operating temperature [T _{max}]	105 °C	1)	60 °C	—
Operating pressure [P _{max}]	1.6 MPa (16 bar)	0.6 MPa (6 bar)	1.6 MPa (16 bar)	—
Comments	pursuant to the applicable regulations ²⁾ T _{max} : 105 °C	for flat collectors	Oil content < 25 mg/m ³	1)

¹⁾ Consultation with the Viega Service Center required.

²⁾ see ↗ ‘Regulations from section: Sealing elements’ on page 6

2.3.5 Technical data

Observe the following operating conditions for the installation of the system:

Operating temperature [T_{\max}]	110 °C
Operating pressure [P_{\max}]	1.6 MPa (16 bar)

2.3.6 Marks on components

Markings on press connections

The press connections are marked with a coloured dot. The dot identifies the SC-Contur where the test medium would escape in the case of an inadvertently unpressed connection.

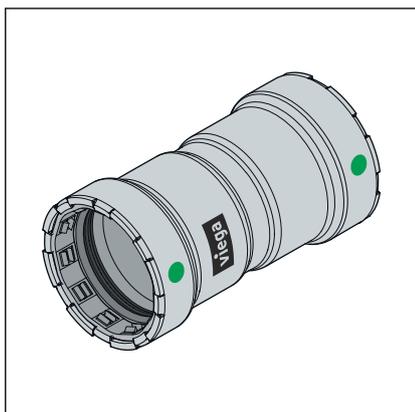


Fig. 5: Green dot and inscription "Viega"

The press connectors are marked as follows:

- Green dot on each press connection
- Viega
- EPDM for the factory-fitted EPDM sealing element
- 316L
- Dimension
- Batch
- VdTÜV KOMP 015 (articles from production year 2022)

2.4 Information for use

2.4.1 Corrosion

Protect the press connector system against excessively high concentrations of chloride generated by both the medium and by external factors.

An excessive chloride concentration can lead to corrosion in stainless steel systems.

Avoid external contact with materials containing chloride

- Insulating materials must not have a water-soluble chloride ion content that exceeds 0.05 %.
- Sound insulating inlays on the pipe clamps must not contain leachable chloride.
- Stainless steel pipes must not come into contact with building materials or mortar containing chloride.

If external corrosion protection is required, applicable guidelines must be observed.



If you are in any doubt over the correct material selection, contact the Viega Service Center.

The chloride concentration in the medium must not exceed a maximum value of 250 mg/l.

This chloride is not a disinfectant, but in fact pertains to the content in sea and table salt (sodium chloride).

Pipes and press connectors must be insulated according to the general rules of engineering.

Observe the manufacturer's information.

3 Handling

3.1 Transport

Observe the following when transporting pipes:

- Do not pull the pipes over the sill. The surface could be damaged.
- Secure pipes during transportation. Pipes may become bent due to shifting.
- Do not damage the protective caps on the pipe ends and do not remove them until immediately before mounting. Damaged pipe ends must not be pressed.



In addition, observe the instructions provided by the pipe manufacturer.

3.2 Storage

For storage, comply with the requirements specified in the applicable regulations, see ↗ *'Regulations from section: Storage' on page 6:*

- Store components in a clean and dry place.
- Do not store the components directly on the floor.
- Provide at least three points of support for the storage of pipes.
- Where possible, store different sizes separately.
Store small sizes on top of larger sizes if separate storage is not possible.
- Store pipes of different materials separately to prevent contact corrosion.



In addition, observe the instructions provided by the pipe manufacturer.

3.3 Assembly information

3.3.1 Mounting instructions

System components may, in some cases, become damaged through transportation and storage.

- Only use original parts in perfect condition.
- Damaged parts must be replaced. Do not attempt to repair them.
- Store products in a clean and dry place.

- Check the installation pipes for suitable surface properties and the min./max. external diameter.
- Do not press on embossed pipe markings.
- Pipes and press connectors must be insulated pursuant to the general rules of engineering.

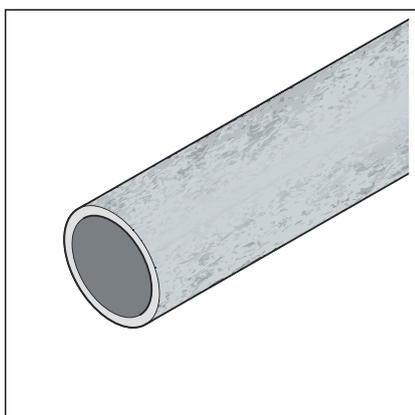
Preparation of the pipes

As long as they are free from dirt, smooth, firm, even and undamaged, the following pipe surfaces are suitable for the production of press connections without further treatment:

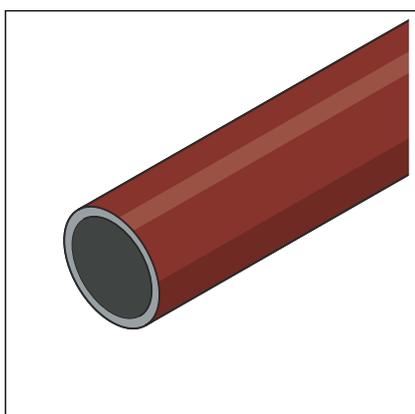


NOTICE!

Always check the quality of the pipe surface on the complete pipe circumference. For permanently installed existing pipes, for example, Viega recommends the use of a mirror to be able to check the surface quality on the complete pipe circumference.

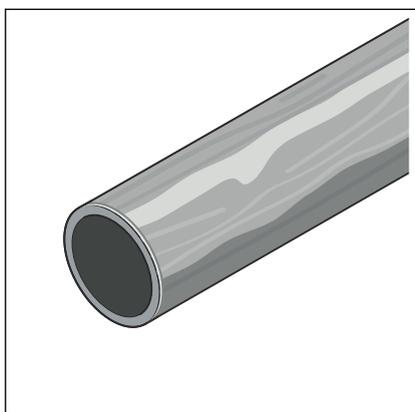


Uncoated pipes



Industrially painted or powder-coated pipes (maximum external diameter in acc. with ↗ *'Pipe overview'* on page 8)

Pipe surfaces must be treated around the press connection if they exhibit the following characteristics:

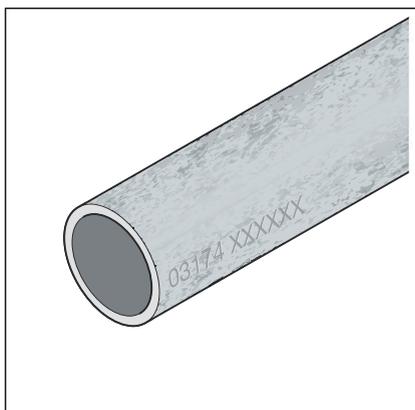


Uneven, manually applied layers of paint

Exceeding the maximum external diameter due to coating that has been applied, see [Chapter 2.3.2 'Pipes' on page 8](#).



Bumps, damage, grooves, corrosion or loose adhesions

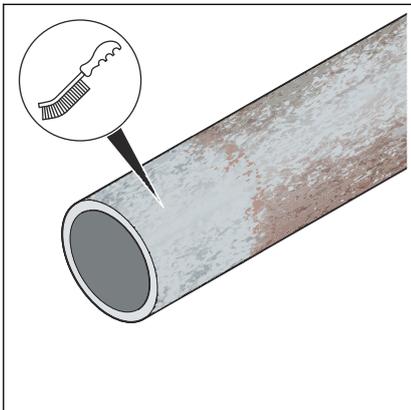


NOTICE!
Leaky press connection

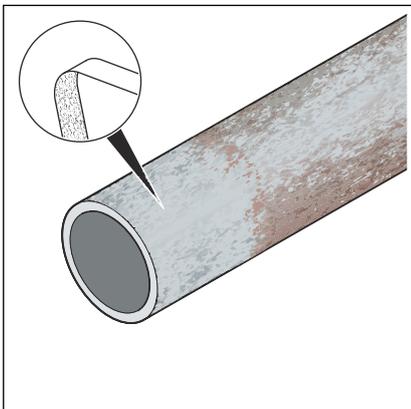
Pressings on the embossed pipe marking may cause leaking.

- Do not carry out pressings on the embossed pipe marking.

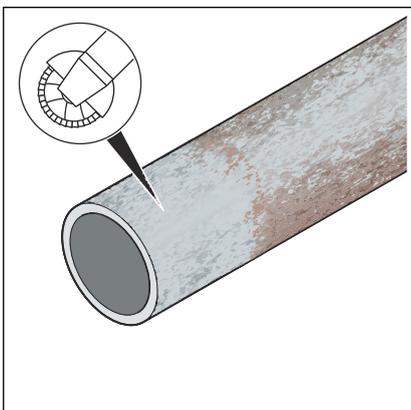
The following are examples of suitable tools for the work:



► Wire brush



► Cleaning fleece or sanding paper (grain > 80)



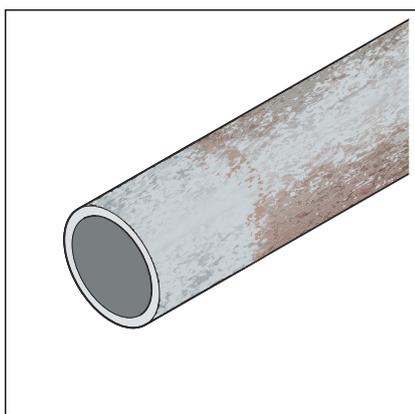
► Angle grinder with lamella flap disc

After the treatment, the quality of the pipe surface should be as shown in the following graphic:



NOTICE!

Always check the quality of the pipe surface on the complete pipe circumference. For permanently installed existing pipes, for example, Viega recommends the use of a mirror to be able to check the surface quality on the complete pipe circumference.



The external diameter of the installation pipe must not fall below the minimum value, see ↗ *Chapter 2.3.2 'Pipes' on page 8.*

In systems where complete corrosion protection is required, those parts of the previously processed pipe surface that are uncovered after pressing must subsequently be equipped with suitable corrosion protection.

3.3.2 Potential equalisation



DANGER!

Danger due to electrical current

An electric shock can lead to burns and serious injury and even death.

Because all metallic piping systems conduct electricity, unintentional contact with a live part can lead to the whole piping system and components connected to it (e. g. radiators) becoming energised.

- Only allow electrical work to be carried out by qualified electricians.
- Always integrate the metal piping system into the potential equalisation.

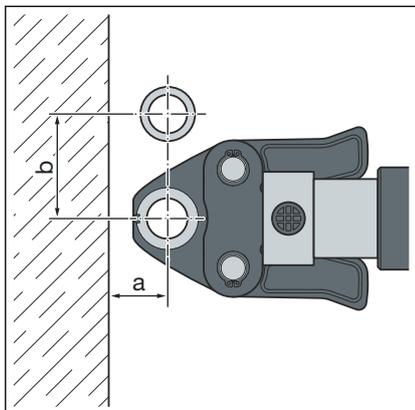


It is the fitter of the electrical system who is responsible for ensuring that the potential equalisation is tested and secured.

3.3.3 Space requirements and intervals

The minimum distance to welding seams and bending points must be $3 \times D$ – however at least 100 mm.

Pressing between pipelines

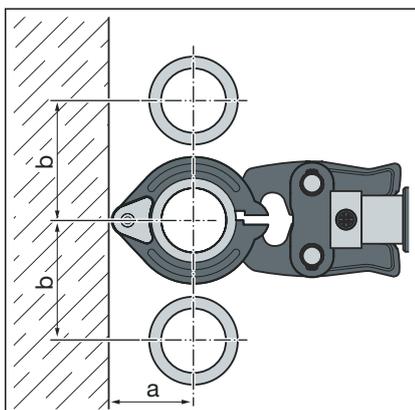


Space required Type 2 (PT2), PT3-EH, PT3-AH, Pressgun 4B, 4E, 5, 6, 6 B, 6 Plus

D	½	¾	1
a [mm]	30	35	45
b [mm]	70	80	95

Space requirement Picco, Pressgun Picco, Pressgun Picco 6, Pressgun Picco 6 Plus

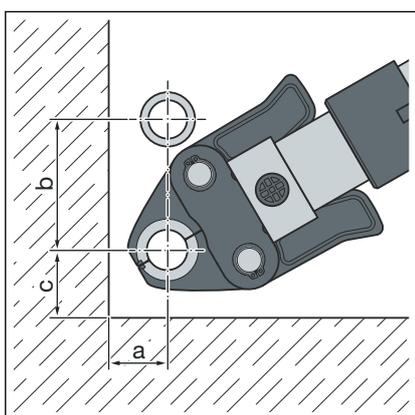
D	½	¾
a [mm]	30	35
b [mm]	70	80



Space requirement press rings D¾-2

D	¾	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	2
a [mm]	60	60	75	75	95	105	105
b [mm]	75	75	85	100	125	135	140

Pressing between pipe and wall

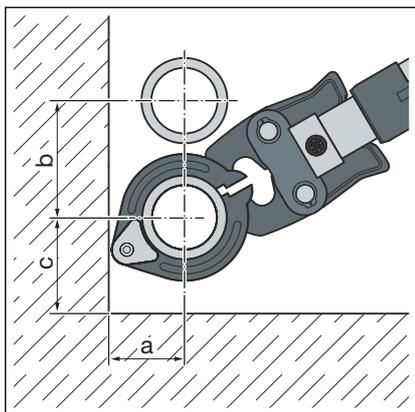


Space required PT1, Type 2 (PT2), PT3-EH, PT3-AH, Pressgun 4B, 4E, 5, 6, 6 B

D	½	¾	1
a [mm]	35	40	50
b [mm]	80	90	105
c [mm]	50	55	65

Space requirement Picco, Pressgun Picco, Pressgun Picco 6, Pressgun Picco 6 Plus

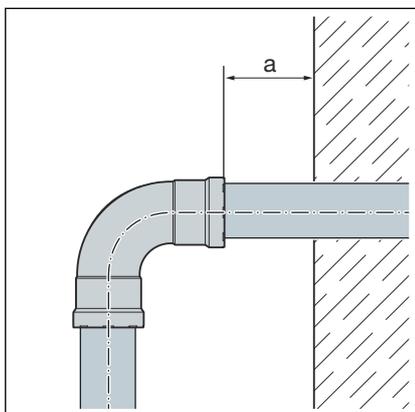
D	½	¾
a [mm]	60	65
b [mm]	75	85
c [mm]	80	80



Space requirement press rings D $\frac{3}{8}$ -2

D	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
a [mm]	60	60	75	75	95	105	105
b [mm]	75	75	85	100	125	135	140
c [mm]	80	80	80	80	80	80	80

Wall distance



Minimum distance with press jaws D $\frac{1}{2}$ -1

Press machine	a _{min} [mm]
Type 2 (PT2)	50
Type PT3-EH	
Type PT3-AH	
Pressgun 4E / 4B	
Pressgun 5	
Pressgun 6 / 6 Plus	
Picco / Pressgun Picco	50
Pressgun Picco 6 / Pressgun Picco 6 Plus	

Minimum distance with press jaws D $\frac{3}{8}$ -1

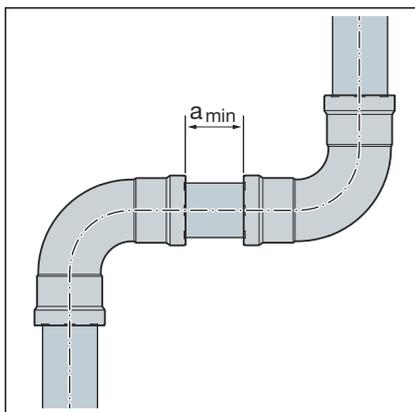
Press machine	a _{min} [mm]
Type 2 (PT2)	50
Type PT3-EH	
Type PT3-AH	
Pressgun 4E / 4B	
Pressgun 5	
Pressgun 6 / 6 Plus	
Picco / Pressgun Picco	50
Pressgun Picco 6 / Pressgun Picco 6 Plus	

Interval between the pressings



NOTICE! Leaking press connections due to pipes being too short!

If two press connectors are to be mounted onto a pipe at a short distance apart, the pipe must not be too short. If the pipe is not inserted up to the prescribed insertion depth in the press connector during pressing, the connection may become leaky.



Minimum distance with press jaws D $\frac{3}{8}$ -1

D [inch]	a _{min} [mm]
1/2	5
3/4	
1	

Minimum distance with press rings D $\frac{3}{8}$ -2

D [inch]	a _{min} [mm]
3/8	15
1/2	
3/4	
1	
1 1/4	
1 1/2	
2	

Z dimensions

For the Z dimensions, refer to the respective product page in the online catalogue.

3.3.4 Required tools



NOTICE!

Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors may be pressed only with Megapress press rings and press jaws. Press rings and press jaws of the metal Viega press connector systems Profipress, Sanpress, Sanpress Inox and Prestabo cannot be used.

The following tools are required for production of a press connection:

- Pipe cutter or a fine-toothed hacksaw
Or chopsaw with low cutting speed
- Deburrer or half-round file and coloured pen for marking
- Press machine with constant pressing force
- Press jaw ($D_{1/2}-1$) or press ring ($D_{1/2}-2$) with corresponding hinged adapter jaw, suitable for the pipe diameter and with suitable profile

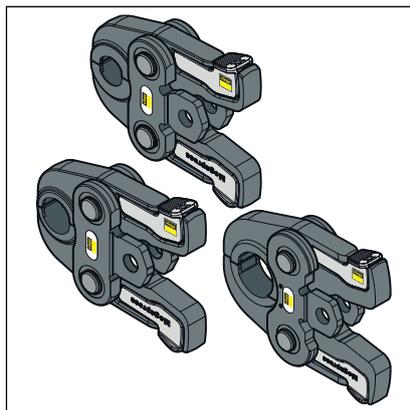


Fig. 6: Megapress press jaws

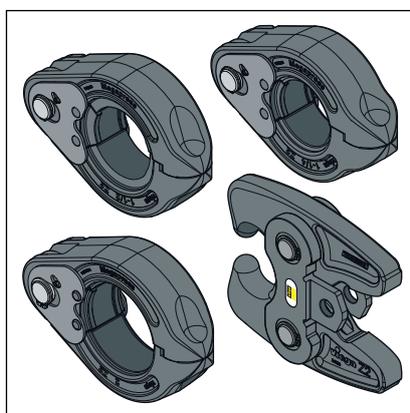


Fig. 7: Megapress press rings with hinged adapter jaw



Viega recommends the use of Viega system tools when installing the press fittings.

The Viega system press tools have been developed and tailored specifically for the installation of Viega press connector systems.

3.4 Assembly

3.4.1 Replacing the sealing element

Impermissible exchange of sealing elements



Important instruction

With their material-specific qualities, sealing elements in press connectors are adapted for use with the corresponding media and/or the areas of use of the piping systems and are generally only certified for them.

The replacement of a sealing element of Megapress Stainless 316 press connectors is not permitted.

If the round sealing element in the press connector is obviously damaged, it should be exchanged for a Viega replacement round sealing element made of the same material. In this case, contact the Viega Service Center.

3.4.2 Cutting pipes to length



NOTICE!

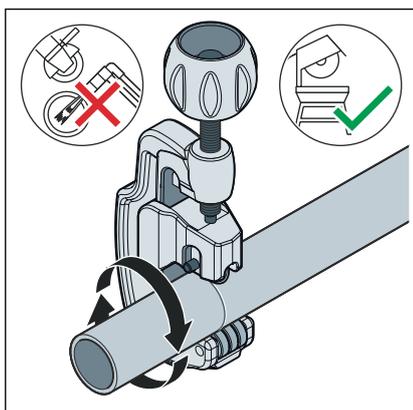
Leaking press connections due to damaged material!

Press connections can become leaky due to damaged pipes or sealing elements.

Observe the following instructions to avoid damage to pipes and sealing elements:

- Do not use flame cutters when cutting to length.
- Do not use grease or oils (e. g. cutting oil).

For information about tools, also see [Chapter 3.3.4 'Required tools'](#) on page 20.



- Cut the pipe at a right angle as accurately as possible using a pipe cutter or a fine-toothed hacksaw to ensure correct and even pipe insertion depth.

Do not use a flame cutter or angle grinder.

Avoid grooves on the pipe surface.

3.4.3 Deburring the pipes

The pipe ends must be thoroughly deburred internally and externally after cutting.

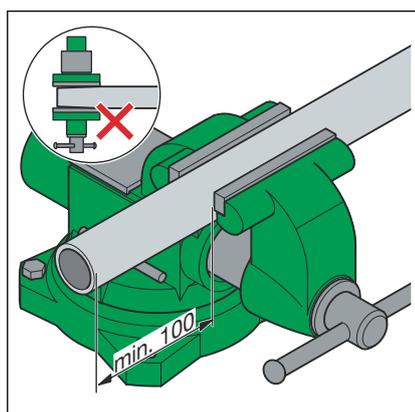
Deburring prevents the sealing element being damaged or the press connector cants when mounted. Viega recommends using a deburrer.

- $d \leq D1\frac{1}{2}$ (DN 40) (model 2292.2)
- $D2\frac{1}{2}$, 3 (model 2292.4XL)
- D 4 (half-round file)



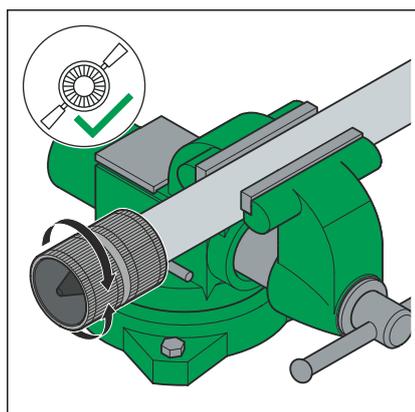
NOTICE! Damage due to the wrong tool!

Do not use sanding disks or similar tools when deburring. The pipes could be damaged by these.



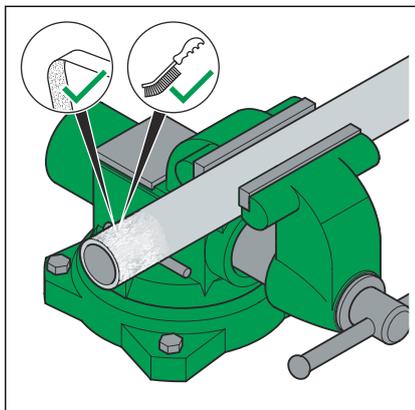
- Secure the pipe in the vice.
- When clamping, leave an interval of at least 100 mm (a) to the pipe end.

The pipe ends must not be bent or damaged.

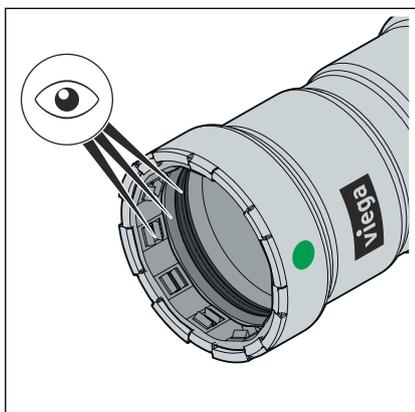


- Deburr the inside and outside of the pipe.

3.4.4 Pressing the connection

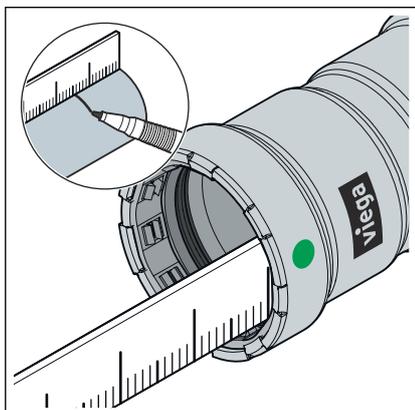


- With the help of a wire brush, cleaning fleece or sanding paper, remove loose dirt and rust particles from the pressing area.



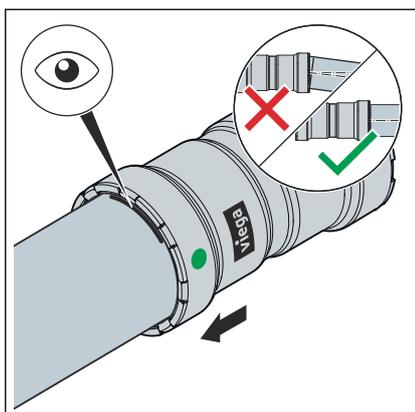
Requirements:

- The pipe end is not bent or damaged.
- The pipe is deburred.
- The correct sealing element is in the press connector.
EPDM = polished black
- Sealing element, separator ring and cutting ring are undamaged.
- The complete sealing element, separator ring and cutting ring are in the bead.



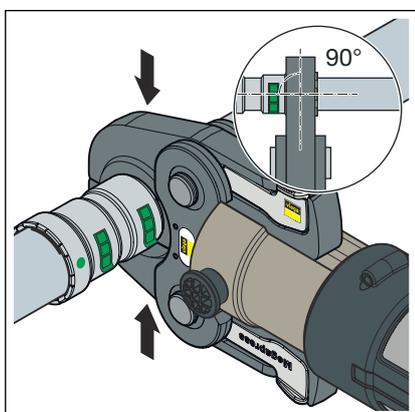
- Measure and mark the insertion depth.

D [inch]	Insertion depth [mm]
$\frac{3}{8}$	24
$\frac{1}{2}$	27
$\frac{3}{4}$	29
1	34
$1\frac{1}{4}$	46
$1\frac{1}{2}$	48
2	50



- Push the press connector up to the marked insertion depth on the pipe. Do not twist the press connector.

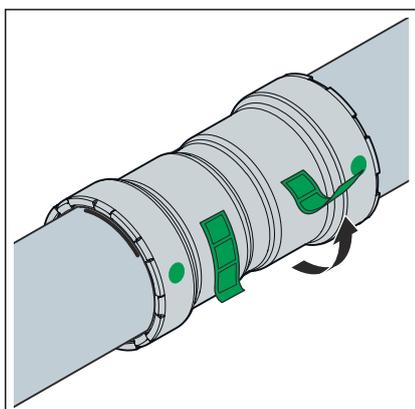
Pressing with press jaw at $D \leq 1$



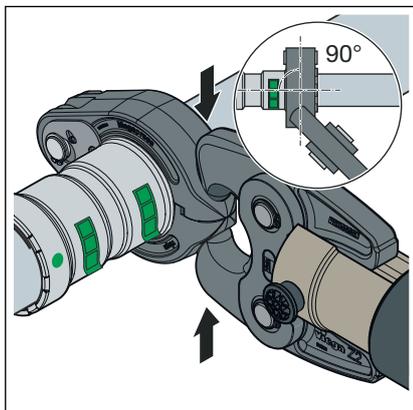
- Insert the press jaw ($\leq D 1$) into the press machine and push the retaining bolt in as far as it will go.

INFO! Observe the press tool instruction manual!

- Open the press jaw and place it at a right-angle onto the press connector.
- Check the insertion depth using the marking.
- Ensure that the press jaw is placed centrally on the bead of the press connector.
- Carry out the pressing process.
- Open and remove the press jaw.
- Remove the check label.
 - ☐ The connection is marked as having been pressed.



Pressing with press rings with D 3/2

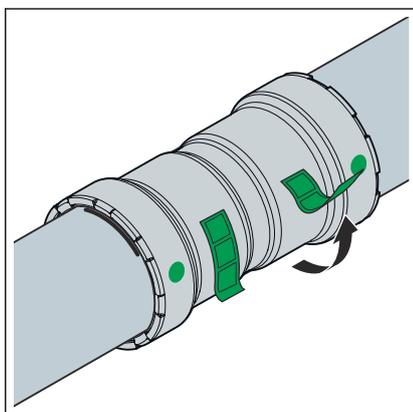


- Place the hinged adapter jaw onto the press machine and push the retaining bolt in until it clicks into place.

INFO! Observe the press tool instruction manual!

- Place the press ring onto the press connector. The press ring must completely cover the outside ring of the press connector.
- Position the hinged adapter jaw into the seat of the press ring.
- Check the insertion depth using the marking.
- Ensure that the press ring is placed centrally on the bead of the press connector.
- Carry out the pressing process.
- Open the hinged adapter jaw and remove the press ring.
- Remove the check label.

- ☐ The connection is marked as having been pressed.



3.4.5 Leakage test

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Carry out this test on a system that is finished but not covered yet.

Observe the applicable regulations, see ↗ *'Regulations from section: Leakage test'* on page 6.

Also carry out the leak test for non-potable water installations in accordance with the applicable guidelines, see ↗ *'Regulations from section: Leakage test'* on page 6.

Document the result.



For the filling and top-up water, comply with the requirements specified in the applicable regulations, see ↗ *'Regulations from section: Leakage test'* on page 6.

3.5 Disposal

Separate the product and packaging materials (e. g. paper, metal, plastic or non-ferrous metals) and dispose of in accordance with valid national legal requirements.



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