

# KUBOTA DUCTILE IRON PIPE



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## COMPANY PROFILE

Corporate Name  
KUBOTA Corporation  
Established  
1890  
Capital  
¥ 84.1 billion (as of April 25, 2017)  
Revenues (Consolidated)  
¥ 1,596.1 billion  
(Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2016)  
Number of employees(Consolidated)  
38,291 (as of December 31, 2016)  
\*The number of full-time employees.

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# KUBOTA PIPELINE SYSTEM

Drainage Pump with Vehicle



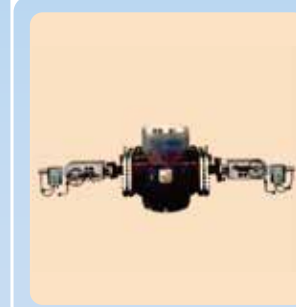
Ductile Iron Water Well Casing Pipe



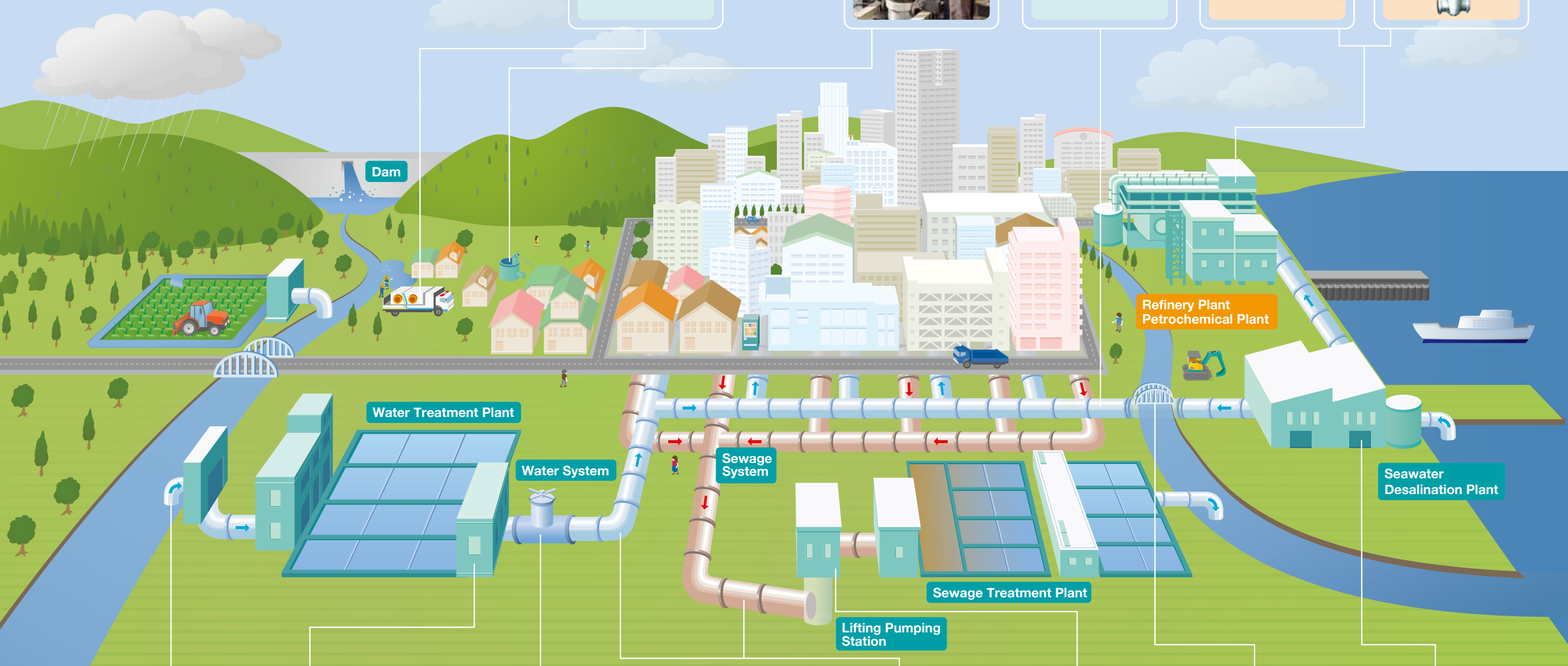
Ductile Iron Pipe (Earthquake Resistant Joint)



FCC Slide Valve



Double Disc Wedge Gate Valve



Vertical Mixed Flow Pump



Double Suction Volute Pump



Butterfly Valve



Resilient Seated Gate Valve



Ductile Iron Pipe



Vertical Shaft Volute Type Mixed Flow Pump



Ductile Iron Pipe (Jacking Pipe)



High Pressure Pump





# KUBOTA'S HISTORY WITH DUCTILE IRON PIPE

# PLANT INFORMATION

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KUBOTA 48 inch pipes & valves, Osaka city, Japan. (1914)

## History

- 1890 Established as a foundry. Started production of castings for weighting equipment and daily commodities.
- 1893 Started production of cast iron pipe for water supply.
- 1897 Changed the corporate name from Oide Chuzo-jo (Oide Foundry) to Kubota Tekko-jo (Kubota Iron Works). Started production of waterworks equipments such as fire hydrant and gate valve.
- 1917 Supplied cast iron pipes and valves to Indonesia, our first experience of export.
- 1930 Developed high-grade cast iron.
- 1941 Started production of centrifugal cast iron pipe.
- 1954 Started production of Ductile Iron pipe.
- 1957 Started production of centrifugal Ductile Iron pipe.
- 1971 Started production of the world's largest DN2600 pipe.
- 1982 Started production of the world's longest 9-meter length pipe.
- 1985 Produced the world's largest DN2900 pipe.
- 1990 Celebrated our 100th year in business. Changed the corporate name to KUBOTA Corporation.
- 2009 Started production of restrained joint pipe (TLH-type).
- 2012 Supplied Earthquake Resistant Ductile Iron Pipe (ERDIP) to the United States.
- 2014 Supplied a huge number of Ductile Iron pipe to Mega Reservoir Project in Qatar, one of the Middle East's largest water supply project.



Founder of KUBOTA Group  
Gonshiro Kubota (1870-1959)

Where the world's largest DN2600 Ductile Iron pipe is manufactured.



## Hanshin Plant

### Site area

- Main Plant 141,000m<sup>2</sup>
- Marushima Factory 159,000m<sup>2</sup>
- Amagasaki Plant 54,000m<sup>2</sup>

### Employees

850

### Production capacity

- Pipe 20,000 ton / month
- Fitting 550 ton / month

### Main products

- Pipe DN75 to DN2600
- Fitting DN900 to DN2600

(as of January 1, 2016)

Where the world's longest 9-meter length Ductile Iron pipe is manufactured.



## Keiyo Plant

### Site area

- Main Plant 300,300m<sup>2</sup>
- Logistics center 142,000m<sup>2</sup>

### Employees

439

### Production capacity

- Pipe 17,000 ton / month

### Main products

- Pipe DN75 to DN1500
- 9-meter length pipe DN600 to DN1600

(as of January 1, 2016)



## Certificates

Both Hanshin Plant and Keiyo Plant are ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certificated.



# ADVANTAGES OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE

## Ductile Iron

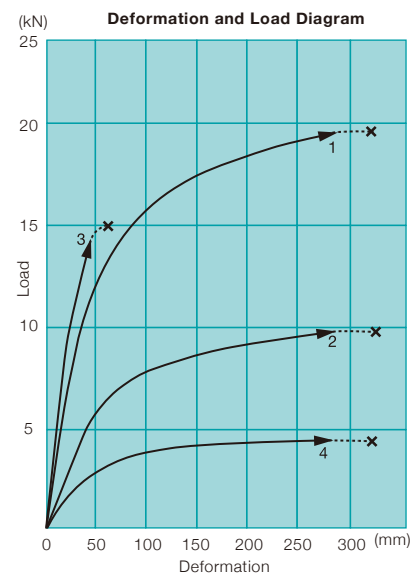
Ductile iron is a family of cast iron. The difference between ductile iron and cast iron is in the graphite formation in the metal. Cast iron is characterized by a random flake graphite pattern. In ductile iron, the graphite form is small spheroids rather than flakes. This creates fewer discontinuities in the structure of the metal and produces a stronger ductile iron.



Microstructure of ductile cast iron (left) and cast iron (right).

## 1. Tough and Strong

Ductile Iron pipe has excellent strength and ductility. It is flexible and will not crack even if passably deformed. It is suitable for high pressure or under main road pipeline.



## Mechanical properties

	Ductile iron Pipe	Cast Iron Pipe	Steel Pipe
Tensile Strength(N/mm) <sup>2</sup>	min.420	150-260	min.400
Bending Strength(N/mm) <sup>2</sup>	min.590	200-360	min.400
Elongation(%)	min.10	Negligible	min.18
Modulus of Elasticity(N/mm) <sup>2</sup>	15-17x10 <sup>4</sup>	10-12x10 <sup>4</sup>	approx.20x10 <sup>4</sup>
Hardness(HBW)	max.230	max.230	approx.140

## Ring action strength

No.	Pipe Material	Wall Thickness (mm)
1	Ductile Iron Pipe	18
2	Ductile Iron Pipe	14
3	Cast Iron Pipe	23.5
4	Steel Pipe	10

DN1100x1,000mm long Pipe Ring



## Beam action strength

DN	Pipe Material	Wall Thickness (mm)	Maximum Load (kgf)	Maximum Deflection (mm)	Span (m)	Remarks
100	Ductile Iron Pipe	6.0	>4,000	>400	3.6	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	7.5	3,500	135	3.6	Collapsed
150	Ductile Iron Pipe	6.0	>7,000	>450	4.8	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	8.0	6,600	150	4.8	Collapsed
200	Ductile Iron Pipe	8.0	>14,000	>450	4.8	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	8.8	12,700	125	4.8	Collapsed
250	Ductile Iron Pipe	6.0	>24,000	>400	4.8	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	9.5	21,000	100	4.8	Collapsed
300	Ductile Iron Pipe	5.5	>32,000	>450	5.8	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	10.0	23,200	130	5.8	Collapsed
400	Ductile Iron Pipe	7.0	>50,000	>130	5.8	No Collapse
	Cast Iron Pipe	11.5	46,900	100	5.8	Collapsed

## 2. Long-term Durability

### Corrosion Resistance

Ductile iron is well known as a highly resistant material to corrosion all over the world. This is because ductile iron contains a certain amount of carbon and silicon. For example, we found pipe body and cement mortar lining remained usable condition. There was no leakage after hydraulic pressure test. This proves that Ductile Iron pipe has corrosion resistance and long life service. In addition, Ductile Iron pipeline is insusceptible to electric corrosion. This is because the rubber gasket set in every joint works as an insulator.

### Chemical composition

	Ductile Iron Pipe	Cast Iron Pipe	Steel Pipe (%)
Carbon	3.2-3.8	3.2-3.8	0.1-0.2
Silicon	1.7-2.7	1.4-2.2	0.15-0.4
Manganese	max. 0.4	0.4-0.6	0.3-0.6
Phosphorus	max. 0.1	max. 0.5	0.02-0.03
Sulfur	max. 0.02	max. 0.1	0.02-0.03
Magnesium	min. 0.02	-	-



The pipes after 53 years in service



The pipes are tested by hydraulic pressure.

### Electric resistance of ductile iron and steel

	Electric Resistance(μΩ·cm)
Ductile Iron	50~70
Steel	10~20

### Internal Lining and External Coating

Internal cement mortar lining or epoxy coating, and external zinc and bitumen synthetic resin coating work as corrosion protection systems of Ductile Iron pipe and fitting. Polyethylen sleeve also can be applied to ductile iron pipes to improve corrosion resistance.

We continue developing new types of coating for higher corrosion resistance.

As a new type of superior corrosion protection method, "Zinc Alloy Coating" was developed. It is applied on the external surface of a pipe body, which brings excellent self-healing performance against scratches caused by transportation and handling. Zinc ions gradually dissolve out from the zinc alloy layer, and zinc compounds are formed on the scratched area. Thus, it prevents corrosion from proceeding. Duration of this sacrificial protection effect is much longer than that of normal zinc coating.

Upon request, other types of coating or lining may be applied.



Cement mortar lining



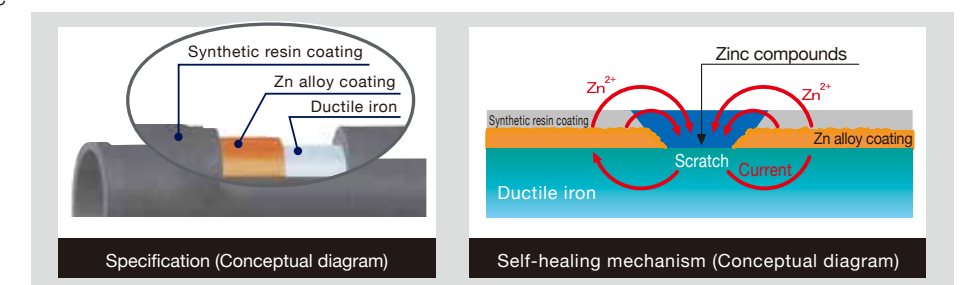
Epoxy coating



External zinc and bitumen coating



Polyethylen Sleeve



Specification (Conceptual diagram)

Self-healing mechanism (Conceptual diagram)

Zinc Alloy Coating



# ADVANTAGES OF DUCTILE IRON PIPE

## 3. Adaptability against Various Situations

### Flexible Joint (See page 11)

A joint of Ductile Iron pipe is composed of a spigot and socket with a rubber gasket for sealing. It is flexible since it allows a certain amount of deflection, expansion and contraction. Because of its flexibility, small curves in a pipeline can be easily accommodated without use of bends. Furthermore, some ground movement can be also absorbed.



### Restrained Joint (See page 11 and 12)

Restrained joints can be used to protect bends, tees or tapers from the thrust force caused by the internal pressure of a pipeline instead of using thrust concrete blocks.

Kubota has several types of Restrained Joint. The appropriate type is selected depending on the pipe diameter and operating pressure of a pipeline.

### Earthquake Resistant Joint (See page 13 and 14)

Ground movement due to earthquake or soft ground could cause expansion and contraction forces and the bending moment to a pipeline. Kubota offers Earthquake Resistant pipe to withstand such ground undulations.

Pipeline with earthquake resistant joints is called Chain Structure pipeline. Even when large ground displacement occurs and one joint fully expands/contracts, the joint can pull/push the adjacent pipes one after another like a buried chain.

Kubota's Earthquake Resistant Ductile Iron Pipes (ERDIP) has had no documented damages or leaks in the past major earthquakes whose magnitude is larger than 6, including the 2011 Great East Japan magnitude 9.0 earthquake. The excellent performance of ERDIP is highly appreciated in many Japanese water agencies.

Besides the earthquake resistant purpose, Kubota ERDIP effectively performs against ground deformation and subsidence as "Pullout Prevention Pipe".

Ground deformation occurs in such cases of landslide and uneven settlement/movement by underground structures and faults. Ground subsidence may occur in a tunnel construction for "subway", mass transportation system.



Chain Structure pipeline can adjust ground deformation with joint deflection performance.



NS-type DN150 (6") after landslide

### Joint performance of ERDIP

Property	Performance	ISO 16134
Amount of expansion/contraction	$\pm 1\%$ of L*1	Class S-1
Slip-out resistance	3D kN*2	Class A
Joint deflection angle	$6-8^\circ$ *3	

\*1:L is the nominal length, in millimetres (mm).

\*2:D is the nominal diameter of pipe, in millimetres (mm).

\*3:The joint deflection angle differs depending on a pipe diameter.



Hanging test of earthquake resistant joint

### Jacking Method (See page 12)

For road, railway and river crossing, Kubota offers special pipes for jacking method. This method enable to jack the pipe directly into the ground without sleeve pipes. As the result, the installation cost and time period can be reduced, and the installation work can be also carried out safely without disturbing traffic.



Jacking Method



Usage example

## 4. Easy and Quick Installation

There is no need of skilled operators/special tools for assembling ductile iron pipes.

Ductile iron pipes can be also installed in the rain. Furthermore, ductile iron pipes can be immediately backfilled after its assembling.

In case of Push-on Joint (T-type), simply install a rubber gasket in the socket and apply lubricant paste both on the rubber gasket and the pipe spigot end. After alignment of the pipe, just insert the spigot end to the socket with lever hoists or a simple tool.

### General assembling time

DN	T-type (min)	NS-type (min)
DN500	10	16
DN1000	20	24

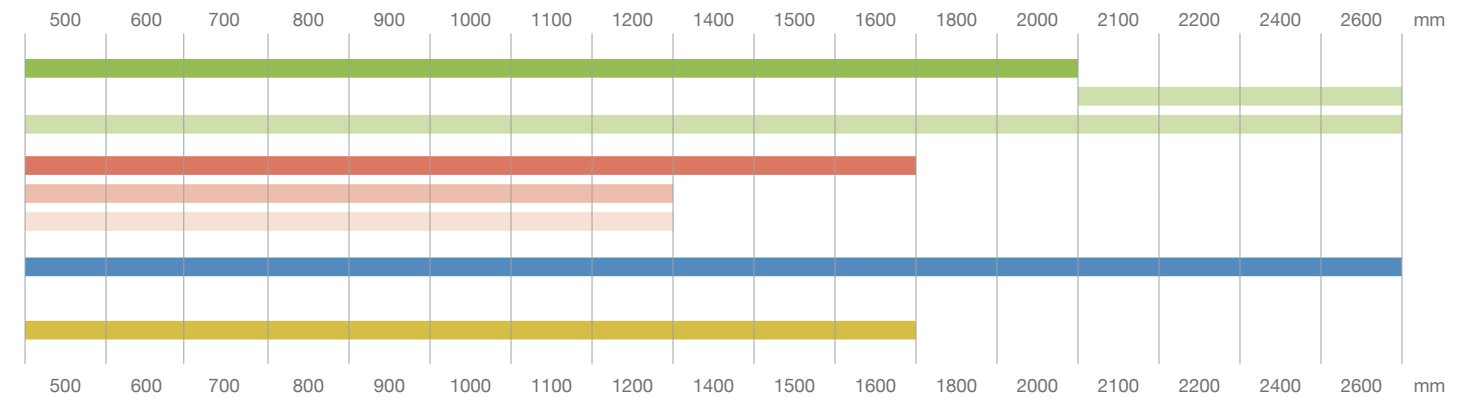
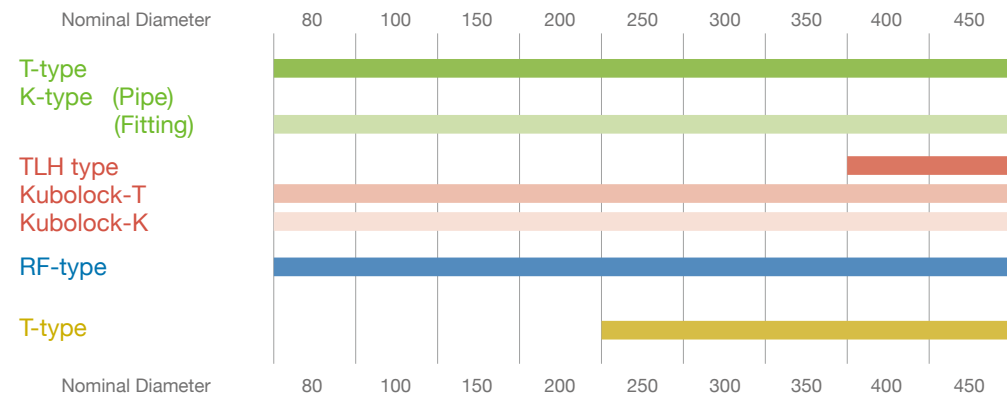
\*Source : Technical reference of Japan Ductile Iron Pipe Association



Joining work of push-on joint (GX-type)

# LINE UP

- Flexible Joint
- Restrained Joint
- Flanged Joint
- Jacking Pipe



### Flexible Joint

#### T-type

DN80-DN2000

**Push-on Joint**

Rubber gasket

T-type joint is push-on joint. It has flexibility and excellent water tightness.

#### K-type

Pipe: DN2100-DN2600  
Fitting: DN80-DN2600

**Mechanical Joint**

Bolt & nut  
Rubber gasket

K-type joint is mechanical joint. It has flexibility and excellent water tightness.

### Restrained Joint

#### Kubolock-T

DN80-DN1200

Lock bolt  
Set bolt  
Wedge  
Body

Kubolock-T is restrained coupling. It can be simply assembled with T-type joint for restrained mechanism.

#### Kubolock-K

DN80-DN1200

Wedge  
Lock bolt  
Body  
T-head bolt & nut

Kubolock-K is retainer gland. It can be simply assembled with K-type joint for restrained mechanism.

### Restrained Joint

#### TLH-type

DN400-DN1600

Spigot ring  
Tie-bolt  
Socket ring  
Lock ring B  
Weld bead  
Lock ring A

Set bolt B

TLH-type is restrained joint. It is converted from T-type joint by providing the spigot with projection and assembling the special joint accessories. It can be used under high pressure and can be used with deflection.

### Flanged Joint

#### RF-type

DN80-DN2600

Rubber gasket  
Bolt & nut

RF type is rigid joint. Generally, it is used to joint valves and other parts.

### Jacking Pipe

#### T-type (For Jacking Method)

DN250-DN1600

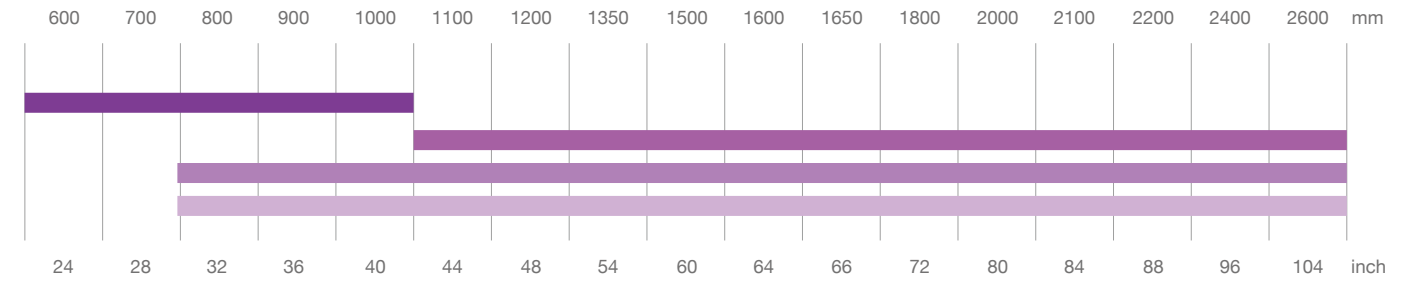
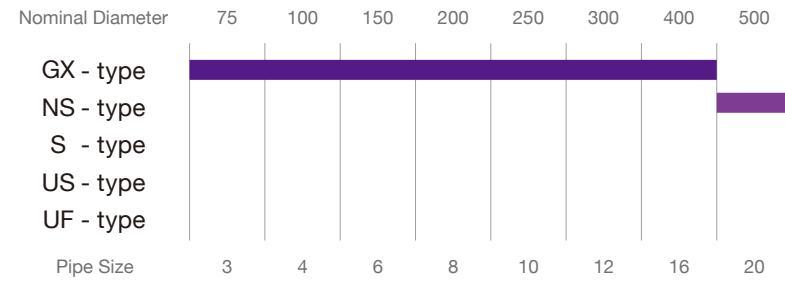
Flange  
T-type ductile iron pipe  
Reinforced concrete

Jacking method is used to install a pipeline without trench excavation. Pipe is covered with reinforced concrete, which allows the pipe to be jacked directly into the ground without a pipe casing.



## Earthquake Resistant Joint

The Earthquake Resistant Ductile Iron Pipe (ERDIP) absorbs the large ground displacement such as ground subsidence and crack by joints expansion/contraction, deflection, and anti-pull out structure.



### Pipes

#### GX-type

DN75-DN400  
3"-16"

**Push-on Joint**

Labels: Rubber gasket, Lock ring\*, Projection of spigot

\*External coating: C-protect      \*Lock ring is preset.

### Pipes

#### NS-type

DN500-DN1000  
20"-40"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Gland, Bolt & nut, Rubber gasket, Lock ring, Projection of spigot

### Pipes

#### S-type

DN1100-DN2600  
44"-104"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Rubber gasket, Gland, Bolt & nut, Lock ring, Projection of spigot

### Pipes

#### US-type

DN800-DN2600  
32"-104"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Fixing bolt, Rubber gasket, Gland ring, Gland, Lock ring, Bolt & nut, Mortar

### Fittings

#### GX-type

DN75-DN400  
3"-16"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Metal touch, Rubber gasket, Gland, Lock ring\*, Projection of spigot, Bolt & nut

\*External coating: C-protect      \*Lock ring is preset.

### Fittings

#### NS-type

DN500-DN1000  
20"-40"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Gland, Bolt & nut, Rubber gasket, Lock ring, Projection of spigot

### Fittings

#### UF-type

DN800-DN2600  
32"-104"

**Mechanical Joint**

Labels: Lock ring, Fixing bolt, Rubber gasket, Gland, Bolt & nut, Mortar



# MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND QUALITY CONTROL

## Pipe Casting

### Selection of Material

-Best raw materials (pig iron, steel scrap, coke, limestone, etc.) are selected for casting ductile iron pipes.

### Melting in Hot Blast Cupola



### Desulfurization

-Calcium carbide (CaC<sub>2</sub>) is added to molten iron in order to remove Sulfur.

### Magnesium Treatment

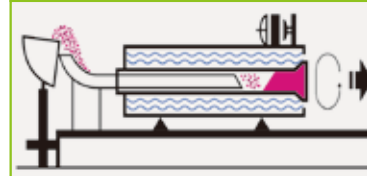
-Magnesium, in a small quantity, is added to the molten iron in order to promote the formation of spheroidal graphite microstructure. The addition of magnesium is done by pressure plunging method. This method was developed by Kubota.

### Composition Adjustment

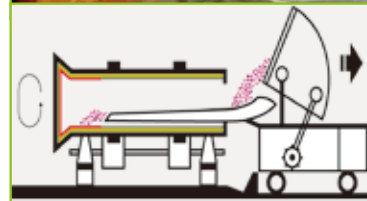
-If the composition of molten iron is outside the standards, it will be adjusted by adding alloy and other elements.

### Centrifugal Casting

-Pipes are casted by centrifugal casting method.



small diameter pipes



middle and large diameter pipes

### Annealing

-Annealing is a heat treatment process undertaken to improve the mechanical properties of the pipes. In annealing, cementite of the as-cast pipes is decomposed to obtain high toughness ferrite.



small diameter pipes



middle and large diameter pipes (Hanshin Plant)

### Treatment and Machining

-Pipes which passed the strict inspections are surface-treated and machined to specified shape and dimension.



### Inside Cement Mortar Lining, Steam Curing

-Cement Mortar lining is applied inside the pipe for corrosion protection.



### Outside Coating

-Zinc and bitumen/synthetic resin coatings are applied outside of the pipe for corrosion protection.



### Shipping

-Pipes are shipped all over the world.



## Fitting Casting

-Fittings are casted by sand mold.



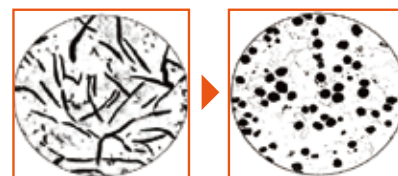
### Spectrographic Analysis

-Composition is analyzed by using spectrographic analyzer.



### Inspection of Spheroidal Graphite

-Spheroidal graphite microstructure is examined by microscopic test.



### Insepection of Heat Treatment Effect

-Tensile test  
 -Hardness test



### Hydrostatic Pressure Test

-All pipes are subjected to hydrostatic test to check water-tightness.



### Final Inspection

-Pipes are inspected carefully before shipping.



### Inspection of Appearance and Dimensions



# SUPPLY RECORD

## Kuwait

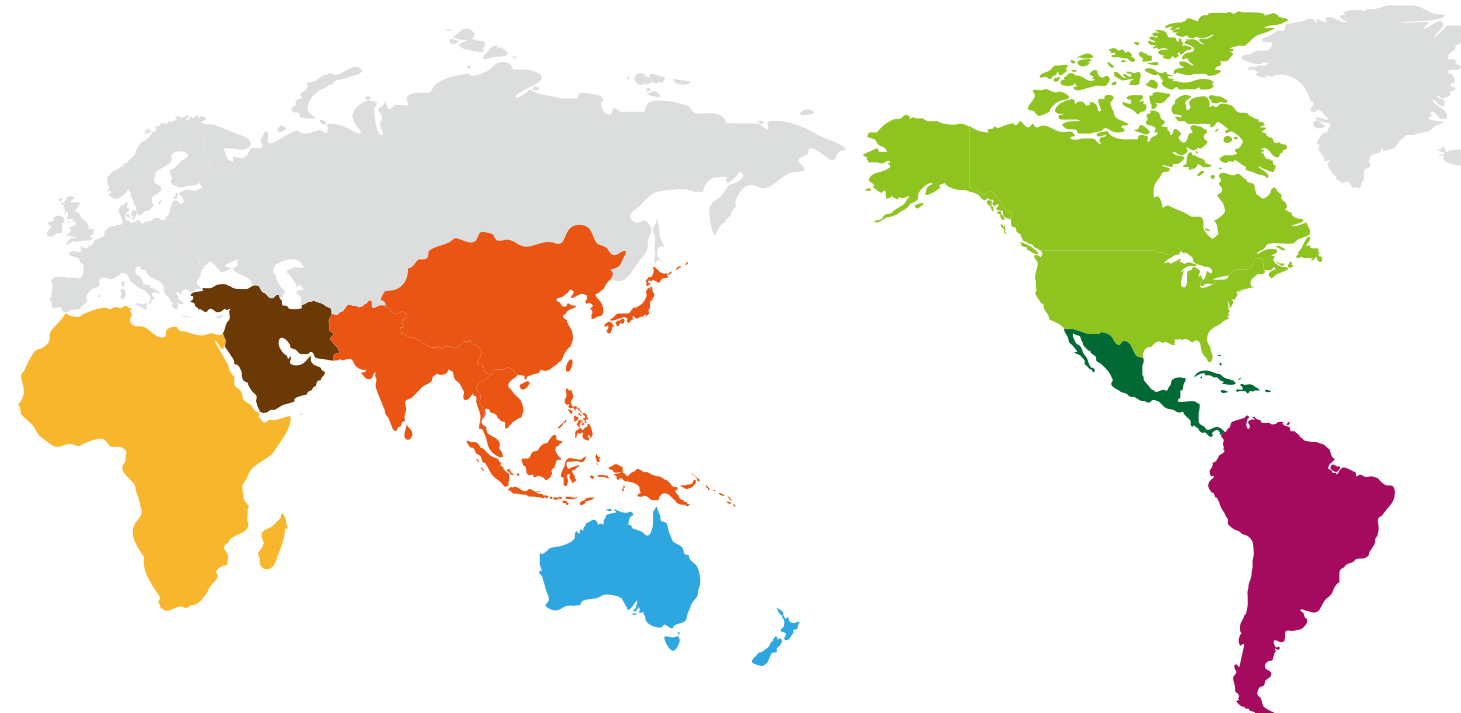


Project Name	MEW/19
Year	2012-2013
End User	Ministry of Electricity and Water
Size	DN2200-DN2400
Length	1.8km

## United States of America



Project Name	Seismic Improvement Project at Northridge Hospital
Year	2014-2015
End User	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)
Size	DN100-DN300
Length	4.3km



Africa	Middle East	Asia	Oceania	North America	Central America	South America
Congo	Bahrain	Afghanistan	Australia	Canada	Guatemala	Bolivia
Egypt	Iran	Bangladesh	Marshall Islands	USA	Haiti	Chile
Ethiopia	Iraq	Brunei	Palau		Honduras	Ecuador
Guinea	Jordan	Cambodia	Papua New Guinea		Jamaica	Peru
Kenya	Kuwait	China	Tonga		Nicaragua	
Libya	Oman	East Timor				
Malawi	Palestine	Hong Kong				
Mali	Qatar	India				
Mauritius	Saudi Arabia	Indonesia				
Nigeria	Syria	Korea				
Seychelles	UAE	Laos				
	Yemen	Malaysia				

## Qatar



Project Name	Pipelines for Mega Reservoirs Corridor Main 2 (GTC599/2013 Package B)
Year	2014-2016
End User	Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (KAHRAMAA)
Size	DN600-DN1600
Length	88km



## Bangladesh



Project Name	Karnaphuli Water Supply Project C-2
Year	2011-2014
End User	Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (CWASA)
Size	DN300-DN1200
Length	70km