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Decades of reliability for professionals: 30 years with Uponor Quick & Easy

In 1994, Uponor set a milestone in the HVAC industry with the introduction of the Quick & Easy system. By utilizing the unique material properties of PEX-a pipe, it was possible to create pipe connections that were stronger than the pipe itself – a groundbreaking innovation for installers worldwide. Three decades and over 500 million fittings sold later, Uponor Quick & Easy remains the preferred choice of professionals who value ease of installation and exceptional durability.

In 1972, Uponor (now GF Building Flow Solutions) launched the world's first PEX pipes on the market, revolutionizing an entire industry. The plastic pipe system for drinking water and heating installations meets all the requirements for hygienic installations. Made of high molecular polyethylene plastic, the pipes do not release any taste, odor, heavy metals or substances into the drinking water; the durable material is not affected by high flow speed or water with a low pH value. The memory effect and the high resilience of the pipes form the basis for Uponor Q&E (Quick & Easy) connection technology, with which Uponor set a new standard for pipe connections in 1994.

Innovative connection technology with minimal installation effort

With Uponor Quick & Easy, the name says it all, because the fittings are connected to the pipe in three simple steps: Expand the pipe and the fitted Q&E ring. The expanded pipe is then pushed onto the end of the fitting. The final step is performed by the material itself; the connection is made in seconds as the pipe is shrinking. "Our Uponor Q&E fittings requires no solder, torches, fluxes or solvents for the installation. The pipes' unique shape memory forms a tight seal around the fitting, creating a strong, reliable connection in seconds," says Torsten Meier, Chief Innovation Officer, GF Building Flow Solutions. "and with minimal effort, saving installation time and costs."

The combination of the unique jointing technologies and the proven performance of the Uponor PEX pipes is one of the reasons for the success of the PEX pipe system around the globe. Torsten Meier says: "In North America, Uponor is recognized as a leader in flexible polymer piping solutions with the industry's most tested, listed, and code-approved PEX piping product on the market. Based on the same principle of PEX expansion connection like Q&E, there the jointing system ProPEX® compliant to F1960 standard provides pipe connections our customers rely on for decades."

Ongoing product development as part of the success story

Driven by the ongoing pursuit of innovation, GF Building Flow Solutions continuously invests in the development of its solutions, introducing new features and improvements based on customer feedback and market requirements. „In 2023, we launched the world's first bio-based PEX pipe¹ and with this, reducing the carbon footprint up to 90% compared to fossil-based PEX pipes," says Torsten Meier. „With this product we have made a major step forward to serve the emerging need of sustainable construction, supporting our customers to make sustainable choices, set new standards and achieve their environmental goals. “

Customer satisfaction that convinces – for 30 years

With over 500 million fittings sold, Uponor Quick & Easy is one of the systems that professionals rely on when it comes to reliable, easy-to-install and durable pipe connections. "Our proximity to our specialist partners and their practical expertise are key drivers for our product development. The positive feedback from our specialist partners confirms our commitment to products that enable efficient, safe and stress-free installation," says Torsten Meier.

Alberto Tejero von Instalaciones (Spain) says: „For over 20 years, we have relied on Uponor's Quick & Easy system for our installations. The system's speed, cleanliness, and safety – especially compared

¹ with ISCC certification, based on the mass balance approach

to our previous work with copper – have made it our preferred choice. The flexibility of the pipes, along with a wide range of accessories, allows us to work even in hard-to-reach spaces."

Sig. Halvorsen von Sandnes (Norway) says: „We've relied on the Quick & Easy system since 1998, initially choosing it for its safer connection technology compared to the commonly used screwed systems of the time. What stands out to us is the system's reliability - leaks are rare, and the design makes incorrect installation nearly impossible, ensuring safety on every project."

Advantages of the Uponor Q&E system at a glance:

- Proven quality: Known for reliability and innovative performance for over 30 years
- Strong connections: Permanent tightness thanks to the memory effect of PE-Xa pipes
- Easy installation: Significantly reduced installation time and costs
- Long-lasting: No pitting, scaling or corrosion
- User-friendly and safe: Low-error, self-explanatory system, no O-rings or other movable parts, reducing risks of leakages, no solder, torches, fluxes or solvents required for the installation
- Versatile: Suitable for water and heating installations in residential, commercial and industrial buildings

More about Uponor Quick & Easy 30 Years: [Uponor Quick & Easy Fittings | Uponor](#)

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Corporate Profile

GF, with a rich history in industrial innovation since 1802, is actively reshaping itself to become the global leader in Flow Solutions for Industry, Infrastructure and Buildings. GF delivers *Excellence in Flow* through essential products and solutions that enable the safe and sustainable transport of fluids worldwide. As part of its strategic transformation, GF divested GF Machining Solutions on 30 June 2025 and has signed an agreement to divest its GF Casting Solutions division. Headquartered in Switzerland, GF employs about 15'700 professionals and is present in 46 countries. GF generated sales of CHF 4'776 million in 2024. GF is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. #ExcellenceInFlow
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Decades of reliability for professionals: 30 years of Uponor Quick & Easy for fast and secure pipe connections.

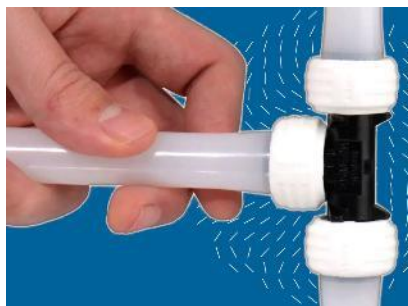
Step 1: Expand the pipe and the fitted Q&E ring.

Source: GF Building Flow Solutions

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Step 2: The expanded pipe is pushed onto the end of the fitting.

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The third and final step is performed by the material itself; the connection is made in seconds as the pipe is shrinking.

Source: GF Building Flow Solutions

**GF_BFS_Uponor_PEX_Blue_Pipes**

In 1972, Uponor launched the world's first PEX-pipes on the market, revolutionizing the entire industry. The pipe system made of high molecular polyethylene plastic for drinking water and heating installations fulfills all requirements for hygienic installation.

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Positive feedback from specialist partners – a confirmation that the company offers products for efficient, safe and stress-free installation.

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