

# UV Labeling Guidelines for PEX Pipes

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To inform customers and users about the need to prevent accidental over-exposure of cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) pipes to sunlight (UV light), PPI recommends that a UV CAUTION label be applied to all PEX pipe packaging by the manufacturer.

The text and content of the recommended label is as shown below. X shall be as recommended by the pipe manufacturer.

The size and shape of the label is not defined by PPI. The recommended text may be incorporated into existing labels with other information. The universal “no-sun” symbol may be reproduced as shown in color, black-and-white or grayscale, and should be positioned close to the recommended text.

### **CAUTION**

- **Do not store PEX pipes outdoors.**
- **Keep PEX pipes in the original packaging until time of installation.**
- **Ensure that exposure to sunlight during installation does not exceed the maximum recommended UV exposure time of X days.**



For more information on PEX pipes and PPI hydrostatic requirements, please refer to PPI Technical Report TR-3 “**Policies and Procedures for Developing HDB, PDB, SDB and MRS Ratings for Thermoplastic Materials or Pipe**”, Technical Note TN-17 “**Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing**” and Technical Note TN-31 “**Differences Between PEX and PB Piping Systems for Potable Water Applications**”, or visit the website at [www.plasticpipe.org](http://www.plasticpipe.org).