

light coextruded dripline

JUNIOR®, the result of SIPLAST research, is the technological answer to the new requirements of the drip irrigation market. It is versatile, reliable and cheap.

JUNIOR®, consists of a polyethylene pipe with an incorporated dripper manufactured by a coextrusion process, in compliance with the quality system standard ISO 9001.

JUNIOR®, offers excellent resistance to the thermal and mechanical stresses and keeps unchanged its characteristics. The most important innovation is the dripper that controls the flow rate. The technology applied to design and production, has permitted to obtain a dripper with excellent hydraulic characteristics in order to reach longer branch lengths, with high emission uniformity performance.

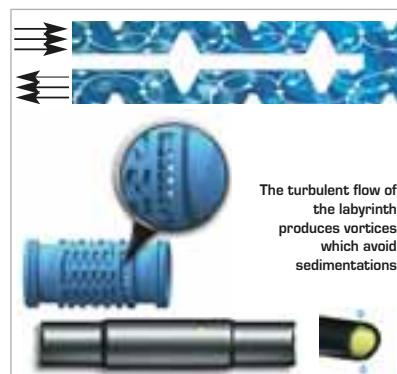
Technological characteristics:

- The dripper is only 32 mm long and implies minimum pressure losses allowing longer branch lengths;
- Dripper's filter reduces clogging possibilities with low water quality;
- The labyrinth of the turbulent flow dripper, designed to grant the emission uniformity, secures lower flow variations when varying working pressure;
- The drip points of the dripper enable a quickly and easy installation without checking the emission point position and secure pipe depletion at the end of the irrigation cycle.

Applications

JUNIOR® dripline is successfully used:

- in vegetables and flowers crops;
- in greenhouses and in the open field;
- on ground with zero or minimum slope;
- in irrigation cycles with fertilizer.



JUNIOR® is available:

- in 16 and 20 mm diameter;
- flow rate: Ø 16 mm [1.60 lph], [2,10 lph] and [3.60 lph]
Ø 20 mm [1.60 lph];
- wall thickness: Ø 16 35 mil [0.90 mm] 44 mil [1.10 mm];
Ø 20 35 mil [0.90 mm] 47 mil [1.20 mm];
- with uniform spacing between drippers [15 cm minimum];
- with variable spacing [groups of drippers].



Dripper characteristics

Nomin. Diam. (mm)	Nomin. Flow rate (lph at 1 bar)	Labyrinth dimensions (mm)			Inlet Filter		Recommended filtration efficiency (Mesh)	Flow equation		Dripper colour
		Depth.	Width.	Length.	Area (mm²)	No. of holes		k	x	
16	1.60	0.85	0.8	94	4.3	5	155	0.57	0.46	Gray
	2.10	0.90	0.9	70	12	20	120	0.66	0.50	Azure
	3.60	1.25	1.2	94	6.3	5	120	1.13	0.50	Beige
20	1.60	0.9	0.8	110	6.0	7	155	0.57	0.46	Gray

PE pipe characteristics

Nomin. Diam. (mm)	Pipe inside diam. (mm)	Pipe outside diam. (mm)	Pipe thickness (mm)	Pipe thickness (mil)	Max working pressure (bar)
16	13.8	15.6	0.90	35	3.0
		16.0	1.10	44	4.0
20	17.7	19.5	0.90	35	3.0
		20.1	1.20	47	4.0

Connecting systems and accessories

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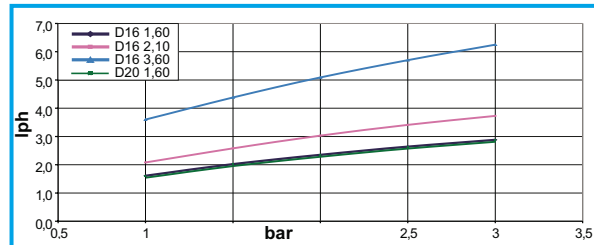
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Flow rate (lph) related to the pipe thickness (mil) and pressure (bar)

Press. (bar)	16 mm 35 mil 1.60 lph	16 mm 44 mil 1.60 lph	16 mm 35 mil 2.10 lph	16 mm 44 mil 2.10 lph	16 mm 35 mil 3.60 lph	16 mm 44 mil 3.60 lph	20 mm 35 mil 1.60 lph	20 mm 47 mil 1.60 lph
0.5	1.21	1.15	1.53	1.42	2.61	2.55	1.21	1.14
1	1.61	1.52	2.08	1.98	3.57	3.51	1.61	1.51
1.5	1.98	1.92	2.58	2.47	4.35	4.27	1.98	1.91
2	2.29	2.22	3.03	2.99	5.06	4.92	2.30	2.21
2.5	2.57	2.50	3.41	3.30	5.66	5.50	2.58	2.49
3	2.81	2.72	3.73	3.63	6.22	6.05	2.82	2.71

Pressure - flow rate relation

Diameter (mm)	Flow rate (lph)	Pressure (bar)				
		1	1.5	2	2.5	3
16	1.60	1.61	1.98	2.29	2.57	2.81
16	2.10	2.08	2.58	3.03	3.41	3.73
16	3.60	3.57	4.35	5.06	5.66	6.22
20	1.60	1.61	1.98	2.30	2.58	2.82



Calculated on the average of 25 drippers

Ø 20 mm - Recommended branch length in meter, related to emission uniformity (E.U. %), at 1 bar

Diameter (mm)	Flow rate (lph)	Slope (%)	E.U. (%)	Spacing (cm)								
				20	30	40	50	60	75	100	125	150
16	1.60	2	95	31	36	39	41	43	44	46	46	47
			90	70	87	100	110	119	130	143	152	159
			85	88	110	127	142	154	169	189	203	213
		0	95	45	59	72	83	94	108	130	150	169
			90	82	108	131	152	171	198	239	276	310
			85	102	134	162	187	211	244	294	340	382
		-2	95	57	78	96	118	132	154	181	214	253
			90	94	126	155	186	211	249	306	365	422
			85	114	153	188	224	255	300	368	437	500
16	2.10	2	95	27	32	35	37	38	40	41	42	43
			90	60	75	86	96	104	114	127	136	143
			85	75	95	111	124	135	149	167	181	192
		0	95	38	50	60	69	78	90	109	126	141
			90	69	91	110	128	144	166	200	231	260
			85	86	112	136	158	178	206	248	286	322
		-2	95	47	63	81	94	112	129	154	186	224
			90	77	104	130	152	176	207	252	300	345
			85	94	126	158	184	213	250	305	360	414
16	3.60	2	95	21	26	29	32	34	36	38	40	41
			90	44	56	66	74	82	91	103	113	121
			85	56	71	84	95	104	117	134	147	159
		0	95	27	35	42	49	55	64	77	89	100
			90	49	64	78	90	101	117	141	163	184
			85	60	79	96	111	125	145	175	202	227
		-2	95	30	43	55	62	73	84	111	131	151
			90	53	72	89	103	119	138	173	202	230
			85	65	88	108	126	144	168	210	244	278
16	1.60	2	95	40	43	45	46	47	48	48	48	48
			90	99	119	133	144	152	160	170	173	176
			85	127	154	174	189	201	215	230	237	243
		0	95	71	93	112	130	146	169	203	231	260
			90	130	170	205	237	267	308	371	425	477
			85	160	209	253	292	329	380	458	524	589
		-2	95	93	86	62	57	55	53	52	52	51
			90	147	202	253	301	347	408	503	561	685
			85	183	250	310	368	421	493	592	673	762

Values shown in the chart are calculated with the KELLER - KARMELI EQUATION (1975)

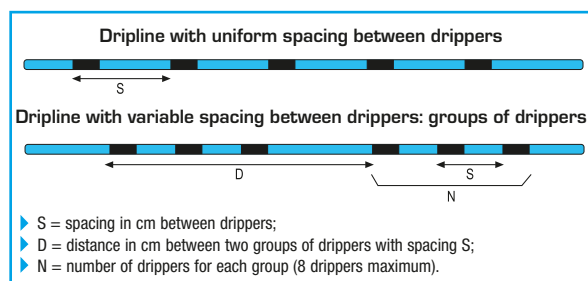
Field slope (- downhill; + uphill)

$$E.U. = 100 \left(1 - 1.27 \frac{CV}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \frac{Q_{min}}{Q_{med}}$$

where CV = 0.03 (coefficient of technological variation) n = number of drippers for each plant
 Q_{min} = minimum flow rate (lph) Q_{med} = medium flow rate (lph)

For a better uniformity of delivery in each system point, it is recommended to use E.U. values, higher than or equal to 90%

Junior® dripline is supplied in the following lengths:



Outside diameter (mm)	Reel length (m)	Volume (m³)
16	25	0.02
16	50	0.04
16	100	0.06
16	400	0.20
20	25	0.03
20	50	0.05
20	100	0.09
20	300	0.22