

SYNTHETIC RESIN PIPE WITH JOINT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a synthetic resin pipe including, in two pipe end portions thereof, a joint for connecting the synthetic resin pipe to another synthetic resin pipe.

Description of the Related Art

10 Conventionally, there is a well known pipe structure in which a separately produced pipe joint is united integrally with a pipe end portion of a synthetic resin pipe.

 For example, there exists a synthetic resin pipe
15 with a joint member which can be produced in the following manner. Firstly, over the outer peripheral surface of the pipe end portion of a synthetic resin pipe a half section of a cylindrical-shaped joint member is fitted.

 The joint member has an inner peripheral surface formed
20 with a shape identical to that of an outer peripheral surface of a synthetic resin pipe end portion.

 The pipe end portion and the joint member are joined together with adhesives, or, a liquid-state monomer, which can be polymerized and hardened quickly at room
25 temperature. The adhesive is inserted into a clearance between the joint member and the pipe end portion and

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hardens to connect the joint member and pipe end portion together to form a synthetic resin pipe with an integrally formed joint member.

However, the above-mentioned conventional method
5 for connecting a separately produced joint member to the end portion of a synthetic resin pipe is problematic and difficult.

Additionally, the outer peripheral surface of the pipe end portion of the synthetic resin pipe is not always
10 identical with the inner peripheral surface of the joint member. In many cases, molding gaps can be present between the inner and outer peripheral surfaces. In such cases, it is difficult to join the surfaces together in a manner such that a watertight condition can be
15 maintained.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In view of the foregoing and other problems, disadvantages, and drawbacks of the conventional
20 synthetic resin pipes with joints, the present invention has been devised, and it is an object of the invention to provide a structure for eliminating the drawbacks found in the above-mentioned conventional synthetic resin pipe with a joint.

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In order to attain the above and other objects, a synthetic resin pipe with a joint is provided such that a given joint portion is formed integrally with a synthetic resin pipe at the time the synthetic resin pipe is molded, thereby eliminating the need to connect a separately formed joint to the pipe end portion of the synthetic resin pipe after the synthetic resin pipe is molded. Further, when connecting together two synthetic resin pipes of this type, the other synthetic resin pipe may be simply inserted into one synthetic resin pipe, i.e., their mutual connection can be completed with a very simple one touch operation.

In attaining the above and other objects, according to the invention, there is provided in a first aspect a synthetic resin pipe with a joint, including a pipe end portion Pa to be connected including an open guide cylinder 11 (e.g., see Figures 1-6 for exemplary non-limiting embodiments), a large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 formed in a deep portion thereof continuous with the open guide cylinder 11 and having a diameter larger than front and rear walls extending in the axial direction of the pipe, and an outwardly facing projection 14 disposed in a portion of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12.

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Further included is a separately produced engaging ring R having a non-annular or substantially C-like shape when viewed from the side surface. The engaging ring R includes an inclined guide surface 31 having a large
5 inside diameter in the width-direction on a side end face 31a and having a small inside diameter on a deep side.

The engaging ring R further includes a securing stepped portion 32 formed on the deep side, a plurality of cut-out portions 33, formed by cutting out the inclined surface
10 31, and a projection 34 projecting from a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the engaging ring R.

Another pipe end portion Pb to be connected includes an inclined cylinder 21 with a diameter larger on the deep side than on the end face, a securing stepped portion
15 22 formed on the rear surface of the inclined cylinder 21, and a plurality of projecting portions 23, provided at the peripheral-direction positions of the rear portion of the inclined cylinder 21 that correspond to the cut-out portions 33, of the ring R.

20 The engaging ring R is inserted into the inside portion 13 of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 of one pipe end portion Pa such that the large-diameter side end face 31a of the inclined guide surface 31 is situated on the entrance side of the pipe end portion

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Pa and also such that the projection 34 on the outer peripheral surface of the ring R is fitted with the inner surface recessed portion of the outwardly facing projection 14 of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12.

In providing the above-structure of the invention, the other pipe end portion Pb may include, on the deep side of the portion where the projecting portion 23 is provided, a waterproofing ring 25 which can tightly contact the inner peripheral surface of the open guide cylinder 11 formed in one pipe end portion Pa.

Alternatively, the outer peripheral surface of the deep-side cylindrical portion of the other pipe end portion Pb where the projecting portion 23 is provided may be formed substantially equal in diameter to the inner peripheral surface of the open guide cylinder 11 provided in one pipe end portion Pa, and annular recessed grooves 26 may be formed in the outer peripheral surface of the present deep-side cylindrical portion for fitting waterproofing rings 25.

One or both of the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R and the projecting portions 23 of the other pipe end portion Pb may be formed to include, in the circumferential direction of the ring (R) or the other

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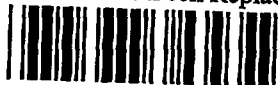
pipe end portion Pb, the inclined surfaces 23a, 33a for allowing their opposite connecting partners to slide together easily.

In addition, the synthetic resin pipe according to the invention may have a smooth outer shape or an unevenly corrugated outer shape.. When the synthetic resin pipe has an unevenly corrugated outer shape, the corrugated shape may be spiral or annular. Further, regarding the corrugated shape of the unevenly corrugated synthetic resin pipe, the raised and recessed portions both may be round, or alternatively, the raised portions may be angular and the recessed portions may be round.

In a connection of respective pipe end portions, (e.g., two synthetic resin pipes of this type), the pipe end portion Pb of one synthetic resin pipe may be simply inserted into the pipe end portion Pa of another synthetic resin pipe in the pipe's axial direction.

In this insertion operation, the other pipe end portion Pb contacts the inclined guide surface 31 of the ring R through the inclined cylinder 21 formed in the leading end portion. The other pipe end portion Pb moves into the deep portion of one pipe end portion Pa while spreading the inclined guide surface 31 in the peripheral direction of the ring R.

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When the securing stepped portion 22 of the other pipe end portion Pb passes through the inclined guide surface 31, the spreading force in the peripheral direction is halted with a snap, thereby returning the ring R to its original state and signaling the end of the inserting operation with a snapping sound.

Thus, the securing stepped portion 22 of the other pipe end portion Pb is engaged with the securing stepped portion 32 formed on the deep side of the inclined guide surface 31 of the ring R. This prevents the other pipe end portion Pb from moving in a reverse direction and disconnecting.

At this point, the plurality of projecting portions 23 of the other pipe end portion Pb are fitted into the plurality of cut-out portions 33 of the ring R, thereby preventing the other pipe end portion Pb from moving in the peripheral direction.

Thus, to connect together the respective pipe end portions of the two synthetic resin pipes according to the invention, a synthetic resin pipe may be simply inserted into another synthetic resin pipe in the pipe's axial direction. That is, the mutual connection between the two synthetic resin pipes can be completed with a very simple one-touch operation.

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To disconnect the mutual connection between the two synthetic resin pipes, if the pipe end portion Pb of the other synthetic resin pipe is rotated in the peripheral direction with respect to the pipe end portion Pa of one synthetic resin pipe, then the projecting portions 23 of the other pipe end portion Pb fitted to the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R are rotated, thereby to produce a rotating force in the peripheral direction. As a result, the other pipe end portion Pb is released from the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R onto the inclined guide surface 31 thereof while increasing the diameter of the ring R. The increased diameter of the ring moves the securing stepped portion 32 of the ring R beyond the diameter of the securing stepped portion 22 on the back surface of the inclined cylinder 21, thereby to remove the mutual engagement between the securing stepped portion 32 and securing stepped portion 22. Thus, in this state, if the other pipe end portion Pb is pulled out from one pipe end portion Pa, then the two pipe end portions Pa and Pb can be disconnected.

Therefore, to disconnect the two synthetic resin pipes, one pipe may be rotated once in the peripheral direction with respect to the other pipe and, subsequently, the one pipe may be extracted from the

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other pipe in the pipe's axial direction. That is, the mutual connection between the two synthetic resin pipes can be disconnected by a simple two-stage operation.

The present disclosure relates to subject matter
5 contained in Japanese Patent Application No. Hei.
10-288789, filed on September 25, 1998, and which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

10 The foregoing and other objects, aspects and advantages will be better understood from the following detailed description of preferred embodiments of the invention with reference to the drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the main portions
15 of a synthetic resin pipe with a joint according to a first embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a partially longitudinal side view of the main portions of a synthetic resin pipe in a first embodiment of the invention, showing a non-connected
20 state thereof;

FIG. 3 is a partially longitudinal side view of the main portions of the first embodiment of the invention shown in FIG. 2, showing a connected state thereof;

FIG. 4 is a front view of the end face shapes of

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the above main portions of a synthetic resin pipe in a first embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the main portions of a synthetic resin pipe with a joint according to a
5 second embodiment of the invention; and

FIG. 6 is a partially longitudinal side view of the main portions of a synthetic resin pipe in a third embodiment, showing a connected state thereof.

10 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

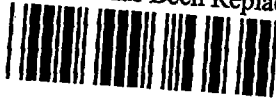
Referring now to the drawings, and more particularly to Figures 1-6, there are shown preferred embodiments of the method and structures according to the present invention.

15 First Embodiment

Referring to FIGS. 1-4, showing the structure of the pipe end portion of a synthetic resin pipe, a first embodiment of the present invention will be described below.

20 In particular, FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the respective pipe end portions Pa, Pb of two synthetic resin pipes to be connected together and a ring R to be inserted into one pipe end portion. FIG. 2 shows a partially longitudinal side view of the pipe end portions

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of the two synthetic resin pipes and the ring. FIG. 3 is a partially longitudinal side view of the two synthetic resin pipes, showing a state where they are connected together. FIG. 4 is a view of the end-face side shapes of the two synthetic resin pipes and the ring.

The synthetic resin pipe shown in the first embodiment is a pipe whose pipe wall 1 includes a plurality of large diameter portions 2, each having a square section with corners thereof rounded off, and a plurality of small diameter portions 3, each having a circular section that are alternately arranged along the axial direction of the pipe.

An exemplary synthetic resin pipe includes a main body as well as a pipe end portion which are both formed integrally of a polyolefin system resin such as polyethylene resin (PE), polypropylene resin (PP) or a similar material. Although the pipe material is not limited to a specific material, preferably, the pipe will be formed of a material that is highly resistant to weather conditions.

In the pipe end portion Pa of one of the two synthetic resin pipes to be connected together, and more particularly, in the open end thereof, there is formed an open guide cylinder 11 which has an outwardly opening

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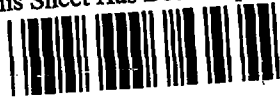


conical shape. In the deep portion of the pipe end portion Pa, formed continuously with the open guide cylinder 11, a large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 is formed having an octagonal-shaped section and also
5 having a diameter larger than front and rear walls, 12a and 12b, respectively extending in the axial direction of the pipe. Additionally, as shown in FIG. 1, on a portion of the large diameter cylindrical portion 12 on the lower right side of the large diameter cylindrical
10 portion 12, there is a projection 14 which projects outwardly and which includes a recessed portion on its inner surface.

Within the inside portion 13 of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12, an engaging ring R, which is
15 produced separately, is inserted. The ring R, when it is viewed from the side surface, is substantially C-shaped (e.g., not a completely annular shape because it is broken away in part). Also, the ring R includes an inclined guide surface 31 extending up to the middle
20 position of the ring R in the direction of the width.

The ring R also includes a non-inclined large-diameter cylindrical portion located on the deep side of the inclined guide surface 31, and a securing stepped portion 32 formed on the deep side of the inclined guide surface

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The inclined guide surface 31 is structured such that the inside diameter of end face 31a is a large diameter, whereas the deeper side has a smaller diameter.

5 Also, in the quadrisected portions of the inclined surface 31, in the peripheral direction, there are formed cut-out portions 33.

On a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the ring R, there is a projection 34 which fits into the inner
10 surface side recessed portion of the projection 14 that is provided on one pipe end portion Pa. Further, each of the cut-out portions 33, includes two inclined surfaces 33a, as shown in FIG. 4, respectively forming the two sides thereof in the peripheral direction of the
15 ring R. The two inclined surfaces 33a make it easy for projecting portions 23 formed on the other pipe end portion Pb to move up the inclined guide surface 31, when the other pipe end portion Pb is rotated in the peripheral direction with respect to one pipe end portion Pa.

20 The projection 34 may also be located at a lower left position across from the current lower right position of the projection 34, as illustrated in FIG. 1. Further, the projection 34 may be disposed at any position in the peripheral direction of the ring R and

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there may be more than one projection 34.

Regarding the structure of the pipe end portion Pb of the other pipe to be connected, in the pipe end, there is formed an inclined cylinder 21 which is larger in diameter on the deep side thereof than on the end face side. The rear side of the inclined cylinder 21 is formed as a cylindrical-shaped portion 24 having a smaller diameter. The rear surface of the inclined cylinder 21 includes a securing stepped portion 22 which can be engaged with the securing stepped portion 32 of the ring R. Within the rear portion of the inclined cylinder 21, there are disposed projecting portions 23, located at positions in the peripheral direction corresponding to the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R.

Also, the rear of the small-diameter cylindrical-shaped portion 24, includes two front and rear annular ribs. Between the two annular ribs, an annular recessed groove 26 is formed, into which is fitted a waterproofing ring 25 which increases in diameter toward its rearward end. The waterproofing ring 25 includes an inclined outer peripheral surface, and the outer peripheral diameter of the waterproofing ring 25 is such that the outer peripheral surface of the waterproofing ring 25 can be tightly fitted against the

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inner peripheral surface of the open guide cylinder 11 of one pipe end portion Pa.

Additionally, regarding the shapes of the projecting portions 23, each of them may include two inclined surfaces 23a respectively formed on the two sides thereof in the peripheral direction of the inclined cylinder 21 (e.g., see FIG. 1), similar to the inclined surfaces 33a formed on the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R. Inclined surfaces such as these may be formed on either the cut-out portions 33 of the ring R or on the projecting portions 23 of the inclined cylinder 21.

Further, prior to connecting the two pipe end portions Pa and Pb, the engaging ring R having the above-mentioned structure, as shown by an arrow a and an imaginary line in FIG. 2, is inserted into the inside portion 13 of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 of one pipe end portion Pa. In this manner the large-diameter side end face 31a of the inclined guide surface 31 is situated on the entrance side of the pipe end portion Pa and also the projection 34 disposed on the outer peripheral surface of the ring R is fitted with the inner surface recessed portion of the outwardly facing projection 14 of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12.

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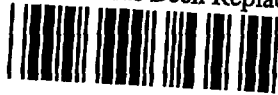
Therefore, with the two synthetic resin pipes, thus structured in a connecting operation, if the other pipe end portion Pb is simply inserted into one pipe end portion Pa in the axial direction of the pipe (e.g., as shown by an arrow b in FIG. 2), then the two pipe end portions Pa and Pb can be connected such that they are prevented from disconnecting and from moving in a circumferential direction thereof.

To disconnect the two pipe end portions Pa and Pb, the other pipe end portion Pb may be rotated once in the circumferential direction thereof with respect to one pipe end portion Pa. After rotating the other pipe end portion Pb, portion Pb can be extracted from pipe end portion Pa in the axial direction of the pipe, thereby completing a disconnecting operation.

In connecting together the pipe end portions Pa and Pb, when the securing stepped portion 22 of the insertion-side pipe end portion Pb passes through the inclined guide surface 31 of the ring R, the ring R returns to its original state and emits a snapping sound. The snapping sound signals the completion of the insertion operation and that the two pipe end portions Pa and Pb are connected.

The above-described structure of the first

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embodiment of the present invention provides the advantage that a connection between two synthetic resin pipes can be achieved safely and positively.

5 Second Embodiment

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a ring R and the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 of one pipe end portion Pa which are respectively the main portions of a second embodiment of a synthetic resin pipe according
10 to the present invention.

In the second embodiment, the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 of the pipe end portion Pa is formed so as to have a substantially square-shaped section. The four corner portions of the large-diameter
15 cylindrical portion 12 are formed as projections which respectively correspond to the outwardly facing projection 14 employed in the previously described first embodiment.

The ring R includes a projecting portion 34 having
20 substantially the same shape as the inner surface of each of the outwardly projecting corner portions of the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12. The projecting portion 34 is located on the inside portion of any one of the corner portions of the large-diameter cylindrical

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portion 12. With this structure, the substantially square-shaped large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 according to the second embodiment can be substituted for the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 including
5 the substantially octagonal-shaped outward facing projection 14 of the first embodiment.

Further, the large-diameter cylindrical portion 12 including the substantially octagonal-shaped outward facing projection 14 according to the first embodiment
10 can also be formed as a simple large-diameter cylindrical portion.

Third Embodiment

FIG. 6 shows a ring R and the pipe end portions Pa and Pb of two synthetic resin pipes according to a third
15 embodiment of the invention. In the third embodiment, the outer peripheral surface of the deep-side cylindrical portion of a pipe end portion Pb, where the projecting portion 23 is provided, is formed substantially equal in diameter to the inner peripheral
20 surface of the open guide cylinder 11 provided in pipe end portion Pa. Annular, recessed grooves 26 are formed in the outer peripheral surface of the deep-side cylindrical portion. Waterproofing rings 25 are respectively fitted into the annular recessed grooves

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26. Using this structure, the two synthetic resin pipes can be securely connected in a watertight manner.

With the above-described unique and unobvious features of the present invention, many configurations are made possible. For example, according to one aspect of the invention, a synthetic resin pipe with a joint may have one pipe end portion Pa on one end side and another pipe end portion Pb on the other end side. Also, according to another aspect of the invention, one synthetic resin pipe with a joint may have one pipe end portion Pa on each end side, while the other synthetic resin pipe with a joint may have the other pipe end portion Pb on each end side.

Although the preferred embodiments of the invention have been described heretofore, the present invention is not limited to them. There are also various other possible changes and modifications that can meet the above-mentioned essential requirements of the invention, achieve the above-mentioned objects and can provide the following effects.

For example, in the illustrated embodiments, the inclined surface 31 is formed substantially along one half of the width of the ring R. However, the inclined surface 31 can also be formed along the entire width of

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the ring R toward the deep end side, and the end face of the deep side can be used as the securing stepped portion 32.

As clear from above, a synthetic resin pipe with
5 a joint having the structure described above according to the invention and in which a simple operation that the ring R has been inserted into the large-diameter cylindrical portion of one pipe end portion in a simple operation can connect together two synthetic resin pipes
10 of this type. The other pipe may be simply inserted into one pipe in the pipe's axial direction, thereby completing the connection of the two pipes with a very simple one-touch operation.

Further, to disconnect the two pipes, the pipe end
15 portion of the other pipe may be rotated once peripherally with respect to the pipe end portion of one pipe and, subsequently, the other pipe may be extracted from one pipe in the pipe axial direction. Thus, disconnecting the two pipes can be accomplished in a
20 simple two-stage operation (e.g., rotating a pipe and extracting). Thus, the present invention provides many advantages over the conventional structures.

Further, regarding the synthetic resin pipe with a joint according to the invention, the need to connect

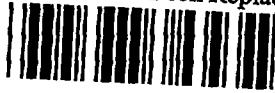
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a separately produced joint to the pipe end portion of
a molded synthetic resin pipe is eliminated. A joint
portion is formed integrally with a synthetic resin pipe
simultaneously with the molding of the synthetic resin
5 pipe, thereby eliminating mounting a joint onto the end
portion of a synthetic resin pipe. Thus, the watertight
condition of the synthetic resin pipe will not be
jeopardized by any joint mounting portion. Thus, the
present invention keeps the connected portions of the
10 two pipes securely watertight.

While the invention has been described in terms of
several preferred embodiments, those skilled in the art
will recognize that the invention can be practiced with
modification within the spirit and scope of the appended
15 claims.

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CLAIMS



What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A synthetic resin pipe with a joint, comprising:
 - 2 a first pipe end portion to be connected, including
 - 3 an open guide cylinder, a large-diameter cylindrical
 - 4 portion formed in a deep portion thereof continuous with
 - 5 said open guide cylinder and having a diameter larger
 - 6 than front and rear walls extending in an axial direction
 - 7 of said synthetic resin pipe, and an outwardly-facing
 - 8 projection disposed in a portion of said large-diameter
 - 9 cylindrical portion;
 - 10 a separately produced engaging ring having a
 - 11 non-annular or substantially C-like cross-sectional
 - 12 shape, said engaging ring including an inclined guide
 - 13 surface, having a large inside diameter on a width-
 - 14 direction one end face side thereof and having a small
 - 15 inside diameter on a deep side thereof, said engaging
 - 16 ring further including a securing stepped portion formed
 - 17 on the deep side thereof, a plurality of cut-out portions,
 - 18 respectively formed by cutting out said inclined surface,
 - 19 and a projection projecting from a portion of the outer
 - 20 peripheral surface of said engaging ring; and
 - 21 a second pipe end portion to be connected, including

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22 an inclined cylinder larger in diameter on the deep side
23 thereof than on an end face thereof, a securing stepped
24 portion formed on a rear surface of said inclined
25 cylinder, and a plurality of projecting portions
26 respectively provided at peripheral-direction
27 positions of a rear portion of said inclined cylinder
28 that respectively correspond to said cut-out portions
29 of said ring,

30 wherein said engaging ring is inserted into an
31 inside portion of said large-diameter cylindrical
32 portion of said first pipe end portion such that said
33 large-diameter side end face of said inclined guide
34 surface is situated on an entrance side of said first
35 pipe end portion and also such that said projection on
36 the outer peripheral surface of said ring is fitted with
37 the inner surface recessed portion of said outwardly
38 facing projection of said large-diameter cylindrical
39 portion.

1 2. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein said second pipe end portion includes,
3 on the deep side of the portion thereof where said
4 projecting portion is provided, a waterproofing ring for
5 tightly contacting the inner peripheral surface of said

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1 open guide cylinder formed in said first pipe end
2 portion.

1 3. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein one of said cut-out portions of said
3 ring and said projecting portions of said second pipe
4 end portion includes, in the circumferential direction
5 of said ring or said second pipe end portion, inclined
6 surfaces for allowing their mating partners to move up
7 thereonto.

1 4. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein both of said cut-out portions of said
3 ring and said projecting portions of said second pipe
4 end portion include, in the circumferential direction
5 of said ring or said second pipe end portion, inclined
6 surfaces, for allowing their mating partners to move up
7 thereonto.

1 5. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 2, wherein one of said cut-out portions of said
3 ring and said projecting portions of said second pipe
4 end portion includes, in the circumferential direction
5 of said ring or said second pipe end portion, inclined

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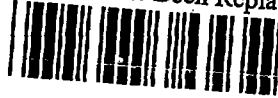
6 surfaces, for allowing their mating partners to move up
7 thereonto.

1 6. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 2, wherein both of said cut-out portions of said
3 ring and said projecting portions of said second pipe
4 end portion include, in the circumferential direction
5 of said ring or said second pipe end portion, inclined
6 surfaces, for allowing their mating partners to move up
7 thereonto.

1 7. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the
3 deep-side cylindrical portion of said second pipe end
4 portion is formed substantially equal in diameter to the
5 inner peripheral surface of the open guide cylinder of
6 said first pipe end portion.

1 8. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 7, further comprising a plurality of annular
3 recessed grooves formed in the outer peripheral surface
4 of the deep-side cylindrical portion of said second pipe
5 end portion and a waterproofing ring received by said
6 plurality of annular recessed grooves.

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1 9. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second
3 pipe end portions has an outer periphery having a
4 substantially round cross-sectional shape.

1 10. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and second
3 pipe end portions has an outer periphery having an
4 unevenly corrugated outer shape.

1 11. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 10, wherein said unevenly corrugated outer shape
3 has a spiral form.

1 12. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 10, wherein said unevenly corrugated outer shape
3 has an annular form.

1 13. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as set forth
2 in Claim 10, wherein at least one of said first and second
3 pipe end portions has an outer periphery having an
4 unevenly corrugated outer shape including raised and
5 recessed portions having a round shape.

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1 14. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as claimed
2 in Claim 10, wherein at least one of said first and second
3 pipe end portions has an outer periphery having an
4 unevenly corrugated outer shape including raised
5 portions that are angular and recessed portions that have
6 a round shape.

1 15. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as claimed
2 in Claim 1, further comprising a pipe wall, coupled to
3 one of said first and second pipe end portions, which
4 comprises a plurality of large diameter portions, each
5 having a square cross-section with corners rounded off,
6 and a plurality of small diameter portions, each having
7 a circular cross-section, that are alternately arranged
8 along the axial direction of the pipe.

1 16. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as claimed
2 in Claim 1, further comprising a main body, coupled to
3 one of said first and second pipe end portions, said main
4 body and said first and second pipe end portions being
5 formed integrally of a polyolefin system resin.

1 17. The synthetic resin pipe with a joint as claimed

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2 in Claim 16, wherein said polyolefin system resin
3 comprises at least one of polyethylene resin (PE) and
4 polypropylene resin (PP).

1 18. A pipe with a joint, comprising:

2 a first pipe end portion to be connected, including
3 an open guide cylinder, a large-diameter cylindrical
4 portion formed in a deep portion thereof continuous with
5 said open guide cylinder and having a diameter larger
6 than front and rear walls extending in an axial direction
7 of said pipe, and an outwardly facing projection disposed
8 in a portion of said large-diameter cylindrical portion;

9 a separately produced engaging ring including:

10 an inclined guide surface having a large
11 inside diameter on a width-direction one end face side
12 thereof and having a small inside diameter on a deep side
13 thereof;

14 a securing stepped portion formed on the deep
15 side thereof;

16 a plurality of cut-out portions, respectively
17 formed in said inclined surface; and

18 a projection projecting from a portion of the
19 outer peripheral surface of said engaging ring.

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1 19. The pipe with a joint as claimed in Claim 18, further
2 comprising:

3 a second pipe end portion to be connected,
4 including:

5 an inclined cylinder larger in diameter on the
6 deep side thereof than on an end face thereof;

7 a securing stepped portion formed on a rear
8 surface of said inclined cylinder; and

9 a plurality of projecting portions
10 respectively provided at peripheral-direction
11 positions of a rear portion of said inclined cylinder
12 that respectively correspond to said cut-out portions
13 of said ring.

1 20. The pipe with a joint as claimed in Claim 19, wherein
2 said first pipe end portion, said engaging ring, and said
3 second pipe end portion are formed of synthetic resin,
4 and

5 wherein said engaging ring is inserted into an
6 inside portion of said large-diameter cylindrical
7 portion of said first pipe end portion such that said
8 large-diameter side end face of said inclined guide
9 surface is situated on an entrance side of said first
10 pipe end portion and also such that said projection on

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- 11 the outer peripheral surface of said ring is fitted with
12 the inner surface recessed portion of said outwardly
13 facing projection of said large-diameter cylindrical
14 portion.