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## Pipes and Fittings Market Report - UK 2011-2015 Analysis

New AMA report reviews the UK Pipes and Fittings Market

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This report is the 3rd edition and is widely recognised as one of the key reviews of the market for pipes and fittings in the UK. A brief summary of the report is included on the following page.

Priced at £665, the report is currently available from AMA Research Ltd, Telephone 01242 235724 or e-mail at [sales@amaresearch.com.uk](mailto:sales@amaresearch.com.uk).

### **Editors Note:**

Attached is a summary of the report. Please use brief extracts if you wish, **but we would request that references to company market shares are not published without our prior permission.**

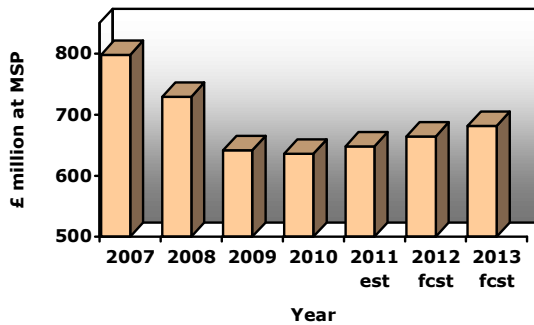
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**UK Pipes and Fittings Market By Value  
(£m MSP) 2007-13**



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The plumbing pipe systems sector accounts for some 66% of the pipes and fittings market, as defined in this report. The rainwater, soil and waste products sector accounts for the remaining 34% of this industry.

It is estimated that around 52% of pipes and fittings products are distributed via builder's merchants, whilst 32% are sold by more specialist plumbing, roofing and drainage distributors. Around 8% are distributed via DIY multiples and other independent DIY/hardware stores. Others account for 8% and include internet and catalogue sales, plus direct sales from OEM business. Builders' merchants are expected to continue to dominate this mature market. However, there is some evidence to suggest that builders' merchants are losing market share to more specialist plumbing, drainage and roofing distributors. Sales via the Internet are also anticipated to increase.

The future performance of the UK pipes and fittings market is likely to be influenced by overall trends in housebuilding, non-domestic construction, home improvement, levels of personal disposable income and niche market drivers such as the self build and conservatory markets. Industry sources claim the sales of plastic plumbing pipe are increasing particularly in new build situations. It is anticipated that plastic products will take a larger share of the plumbing pipe systems market as the economy stabilises and new housebuilding levels increase.

There will be a greater focus on sustainability and the environment throughout the production and distribution chain. Pipes and fittings manufacturers will look for materials and processes that are not harmful to the environment and that will be available for future generations to use.

Forecasts indicate that the pipes and fittings market will remain uncertain in the short term, reflecting continuing low levels of activity in new house build and home improvement. However, in the medium to longer term the pipes and fittings market is expected to experience a return to steady growth.

By 2015, the market value is forecast to be £728 million at MSP, which would represent an increase of around 12% compared to the estimated market size in 2011.

AMA Research's report "**Pipes and Fittings Market Report - UK 2011 – 2015 Analysis**" is available in hard copy or electronic format for £665 and can be ordered online at [www.amaresearch.co.uk](http://www.amaresearch.co.uk) or by calling 01242 235724.