

# Total Cost of Ownership: PVC-U vs. Other Pipe Materials

The Milan-based consultancy Althesys has conducted a Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) analysis comparing PVC-U to non-plastic materials for water and sewer lines. The analysis considered the costs to purchase pipes, install, operate and maintain and dismantle the pipeline.

## PVC-U provides significant cost savings

The Althesys study shows significant economic advantages for PVC-U over ductile iron and GRP in water lines and concrete or clay in the sewer lines. Main savings are realised on the installation costs.

## Useful model for decision makers

The research and model from Althesys help decision makers as they weigh the costs and benefits of pipeline materials in water and sewer infrastructures.

Summary of the TCO study is available on [pvc4pipes.com](http://pvc4pipes.com)

