Firmly in the saddle – permanently tight service pipe feeds

During the course of a road reconstruction project, the Idar-Oberstein Town Council repaired a defective reinforced concrete sewer using the partial open-trench method. Thanks to the use of SIMONA® PE 100 pipe modules SIMOFUSE® and SIMONA® PE 80 external saddles SIMOFUSE®, it was possible to lay an absolutely tight and abrasion-resistant pipe system that would remain operational in the long term.

The project at a glance

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| Requirements | Permanently tight welded connection of the main sewer and the external saddles for service pipe connection by means of electrofusion welding  
- Transition to PVC-KG pipes  
- Push-fit socket connection |
| Client | Idar-Oberstein Municipal Services |
| General Contractor/Plastics Processing | Idar-Oberstein Municipal Services |
| Project Planning | Ingenieurbüro Hartmann & Ruess GmbH, Veitsrodt |
| Technical Support | Application Technology, PM Relining SIMONA AG, Kirn |
| Products used | SIMONA® PE 100 pipe modules SIMOFUSE®, 3 m long in d 710 and d 560 mm  
SIMONA® PE 80 external saddle SIMOFUSE® for d = 560, 710 mm  
connection: service pipe DN 150 mm |
| Project period | 2005 |

The above photograph shows the connection of SIMONA® PE 80 external saddles SIMOFUSE® for service pipe connection to the main sewer and a PVC-KG pipe. The photographs below show the components used for the connection to the main sewer as well as the firmly bonded weld connection of the main sewer/external saddle.
Initial situation
A reinforced concrete waste-water pipe, damaged by material cracks and fractures, was reconstructed using the partial open-trench method. As there was a 16 bar mains water supply line in the immediate vicinity of the sewer, it was not possible to repair the sewer by means of pure reconstruction and relaying. SIMONA was asked for a special solution to this problem.

Task
The Idar-Oberstein Town Council was looking for a pipe system for the rehabilitation of the sewer pipe and the service pipe feeds that would offer the following advantages:

- A permanently tight and perfectly flush-fitting welded pipe connection without interfering socket structures
- Uncomplicated connection of service pipes to PE sewer pipes and a standardised transition to the PVC-KG pipes
- Use of a permanently corrosion-resistant and abrasion-resistant plastic pipe system
- Installation of a system capable of bearing a sustained static load
- Maximum cost-effectiveness in relation to transport, laying, operation and maintenance

Solution
SIMONA® PE 100 pipe modules SIMOFUSE® with integral electrofusion joints were welded together and inserted into the old pipe, without interfering socket structures. The old concrete pipe was broken open in the connection areas beforehand to enable subsequent installation of SIMONA® PE 80 external saddles SIMOFUSE® for the connection of service pipes to the previously fed-in PE 100 pipeline using clamping tools. With the help of integral electrofusion joints, the external saddles were welded to the pipeline to produce a perfectly tight flush-fitting connection in accordance with the DVS guideline. Precise connection bore-holes in the PE 100 main sewer enabled the connection of the existing PVC and vitrified clay service pipe feeds through an extended pipe connection using push-fit sockets. The welded pipe system guarantees permanent tightness and functionality. The municipal site management team were particularly impressed with the problem-free handling of the SIMONA system.

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