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## European foreword

This document (EN 12831-1:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 228 “Heating systems and water based cooling systems in buildings”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2018, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2018.

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- *Part 1: Space heating load, Module M3-3;*
- *Part 2: Explanation and justification of EN 12831-1, Module M3-3 [CEN/TR];*
- *Part 3: Domestic hot water systems heat load and characterisation of needs, Module M8-2, M8-3;*
- *Part 4: Explanation and justification of EN 12831-3, Module M8-2, M8-3 [CEN/TR].*

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## Introduction

This European Standard is part of a series of standards aiming at international harmonization of the methodology for the assessment of the energy performance of buildings, called “set of EPB standards”.

All EPB standards follow specific rules to ensure overall consistency, unambiguity and transparency.

All EPB standards provide a certain flexibility with regard to the methods, the required input data and references to other EPB standards, by the introduction of a normative template in Annex A and Annex B with informative default choices.

For the correct use of this standard a normative template is given in Annex A to specify these choices. Informative default choices are provided in Annex B.

The EPB set of standards deals with energy performance calculation and other related aspects (like system sizing) to provide the building services considered in the EPBD.

The subjects covered by CEN/TC 228 are the following:

- design of heating systems (water based, electrical, etc.);
- installation of heating systems;
- commissioning of heating systems;
- instructions for operation, maintenance and use of heating systems;
- methods for calculation of the design heat loss and heat loads;
- methods for calculation of the energy performance of heating systems.

Heating systems also include the effect of attached systems such as hot water production systems.

All these standards are systems standards, i.e. they are based on requirements addressed to the system as a whole and not dealing with requirements to the products within the system.

Where possible, reference is made to other European or International Standards, a. o. product standards. However, use of products complying with relevant product standards is no guarantee of compliance with the system requirements.

The requirements are mainly expressed as functional requirements, i.e. requirements dealing with the function of the system and not specifying shape, material, dimensions or the like.

The guidelines describe ways to meet the requirements, but other ways to fulfil the functional requirements might be used if fulfilment can be proved.

Heating systems differ among the member countries due to climate, traditions and national regulations. In some cases requirements are given as classes so national or individual needs may be accommodated.

In cases where the standards contradict with national regulations, the latter should be followed.

Use by or for regulators: In case the standard is used in the context of national or regional legal requirements, mandatory choices may be given at national or regional level for such specific applications. These choices (either the informative default choices from Annex B or choices adapted to national / regional needs, but in any case following the template of this Annex A) can be made available as national annex or as separate (e.g. legal) document (national data sheet).

NOTE      So in this case:

- the regulators will **specify** the choices;

- the individual user will apply the standard to assess the energy performance of a building, and thereby **use** the choices made by the regulators.

Topics addressed in this standard can be subject to public regulation. Public regulation on the same topics can override the default values in Annex B of this standard. Public regulation on the same topics can even, for certain applications, override the use of this standard. Legal requirements and choices are in general not published in standards but in legal documents. In order to avoid double publications and difficult updating of double documents, a national annex may refer to the legal texts where national choices have been made by public authorities. Different national annexes or national data sheets are possible, for different applications.

It is expected, if the default values, choices and references to other EPB standards in Annex B are not followed due to national regulations, policy or traditions, that:

- national or regional authorities prepare data sheets containing the choices and national or regional values, according to the model in Annex A. In this case the national annex (e.g. NA) refers to this text;
- or, by default, the national standards body will consider the possibility to add or include a national annex in agreement with the template of Annex A, in accordance to the legal documents that give national or regional values and choices.

Further target groups are parties wanting to motivate their assumptions by classifying the building energy performance for a dedicated building stock.

More information is provided in the Technical Report accompanying this standard (CEN/TR 12831-2).

**EN 12831-1:2017 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard covers methods for the calculation of the design heat load for single rooms, building entities and buildings, where the design heat load is defined as the heat supply (power) needed to maintain the required internal design temperature under design external conditions.

Table 1 shows the relative position of this standard within the set of EPB standards in the context of the modular structure as set out in EN ISO 52000-1.

NOTE 1 In CEN ISO/TR 52000-2 the same table can be found, with, for each module, the numbers of the relevant EPB standards and accompanying technical reports that are published or in preparation.

NOTE 2 The modules represent EPB standards, although one EPB standard may cover more than one module and one module may be covered by more than one EPB standard, for instance a simplified and a detailed method respectively. See also Clause 2 and Tables A.1 and B.1.

**Table 1 — Position of this standard, within the modular structure of the set of EPB standards**

	Overarching		Building (as such)		Technical Building Systems									
Sub module	Descriptions		Descriptions		Descriptions	Heating	Cooling	Ventilation	Humidifi- cation	Dehumid- ification	Domestic Hot water	Lighting	Building automation and control	Electricity production
sub1		M1		M2		M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11
1	General		General		General	15316-1					15316-1			
2	Common terms and definitions; symbols, units and subscripts		Building Energy Needs		Needs						12831-3			
3	Applications		(Free) Indoor Conditions without Systems		Maximum Load and Power	12831-1					12831-3			
4	Ways to Express Energy Performance		Ways to Express Energy Performance		Ways to Express Energy Performance	15316-1					15316-1			
5	Building categories and Building Boundaries		Heat Transfer by Transmission		Emission and control	15316-2	15316-2							
6	Building Occupancy and Operating Conditions		Heat Transfer by Infiltration and Ventilation		Distribution and control	15316-3	15316-3				15316-3			

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sub1		M1		M2		M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11
7	Aggregation of Energy Services and Energy Carriers		Internal Heat Gains		Storage and control	15316-5					15316-5 15316-4-3			
8	Building zoning		Solar Heat Gains		Generation									
8-1					Combustion boilers	15316-4-1					15316-4-1			
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sub1		M1		M2		M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11
9	Calculated Energy Performance		Building Dynamics (thermal mass)		Load dispatching and operating conditions									
10	Measured Energy Performance		Measured Energy Performance		Measured Energy Performance	15378-3					15378-3			
11	Inspection		Inspection		Inspection	15378-1					15378-1			
12	Ways Express to Indoor Comfort			-	BMS									
13	External Environment Conditions													
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