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## EN 12012-1:2018 (E)

### European foreword

This document (EN 12012-1:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 145 “Plastics and rubber machines”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2019, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2019.

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Compared with the previous versions of EN 12012-1:2007+A1:2008 and EN 12012-3:2001+A1:2008, the following significant technical changes have been made:

- the contents of EN 12012-1 and EN 12012-3 have been merged into this standard;
- the performance levels and safety integrity levels of safety related parts of control systems have been specified in accordance with EN ISO 13849-1:2015 and EN 62061:2005;
- the hazards related to the break of the cutting chamber have been removed because reliable chambers represent now the state of the art (no projections have been reported from a broken cutting chamber for a long time);
- requirements about rotor blocking device have been modified considering the design of the drive system;
- hazards due to neglecting ergonomic principles have been considered;
- the annex for noise measurement has been revised.

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## **Introduction**

This European Standard is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organizations, market surveillance, etc.)

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

## EN 12012-1:2018 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the essential safety requirements applicable to the design and construction of blade granulators and shredders used to reduce the size of products made from plastics and/or rubber.

Machines considered in this European Standard begin at the outer edge of the feeding device/feed opening and end at the discharge area.

This European Standard deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events during all phases of the machine life cycle (see Annex A), when blade granulators and shredders are used as intended and under conditions of misuse that are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer.

This European Standard does not deal with:

- equipment for feeding material or discharging processed material that is not an integral part of the machine;
- machines intended to process materials that could be hazardous to health or flammable materials (e.g. expanded foam material).

This European Standard is not applicable to blade granulators and shredders that are manufactured before the date of its publication.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 574:1996+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery - Two-hand control devices - Functional aspects - Principles for design*

EN 60204-1:2006, *Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1:2005, modified)*

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EN ISO 11201:2010, *Acoustics - Noise emitted by machinery and equipment - Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections (ISO 11201:2010)*

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