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## European foreword

This document (EN 14972-8:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 “Fixed firefighting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- *Part 1: Design, installation, inspection and maintenance;*
- *Part 2: Test protocol for shopping areas for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 3: Test protocol for office, school and hotel for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 4: Test protocol for non-storage occupancies for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 5: Test protocol for car garages for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 6: Test protocol for false floors and false ceilings for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 7: Test protocol for commercial low hazard occupancies for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 8: Test protocol for machinery in enclosures exceeding 260 m<sup>3</sup> for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 9: Test protocol for machinery in enclosures not exceeding 260 m<sup>3</sup> for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 10: Test protocol for atrium protection with sidewall nozzles for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 11: Test protocol for cable tunnels for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 12: Test protocol for commercial deep fat cooking fryers for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 13: Test protocol for wet benches and other similar processing equipment for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 14: Test protocol for combustion turbines in enclosures exceeding 260 m<sup>3</sup> for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 15: Test protocol for combustion turbines in enclosures not exceeding 260 m<sup>3</sup> for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 16: Test protocol for industrial oil cookers for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 17: Test protocol for residential occupancies for automatic nozzle systems.*

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## EN 14972-8:2020 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies fire testing requirements for water mist systems used for fire protection of machinery in enclosures with volumes exceeding 260 m<sup>3</sup>.

### 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 14972-1:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Fixed firefighting systems — Water mist systems — Part 1: Design, installation, inspection and maintenance*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14972-1<sup>1)</sup> and the following apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1 machinery enclosure**  
<water mist systems> any enclosure containing equipment that uses fuel and/or lubrication fluids with volatilities less than or equal to heptane

### 4 General requirements

**4.1** The water mist system, operating without manual intervention, shall successfully complete all described performance fire tests for their specific applications.

**4.2** The fire tests shall be conducted until the fire is extinguished, as required by the applicable fire test.

**4.3** System components, component locations, operating conditions and test enclosure details shall remain unaltered throughout all of the fire tests for a given application.

**4.4** All fire tests shall be conducted using the specifications from the manufacturer's DIOM manual in regard to nozzle placement, spray flux, and spray duration. Sprays can be continuous or intermittent in time. In the case of intermittent, or cycled, sprays, the time period during which the system is not discharging shall not be greater than 50 % of one complete on/off cycle. The system off period shall not exceed one minute.

**4.5** In conjunction with the performance fire tests, all twin fluid water mist systems (except for those applying compressed air) shall be subjected to a straight discharge test with no fire to evaluate the resulting discharge and oxygen concentration. This evaluation shall be conducted using the maximum extinguishing agent flow and pressure. The discharge duration for the test shall be the maximum required for the system and occupancy to be protected. Oxygen measurements shall be recorded at a

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