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## European foreword

This document (EN 15004-4:2020) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 “Fixed firefighting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2021, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2021.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 15004-4:2008.

The main changes in EN 15004-4:2020 compared to EN 15004-4:2008 are the following:

- European foreword: Part 3 was removed from the list;
- Foreword of ISO 14520-8 was removed;
- 6.4, Other fill density and superpressurization levels: new sub-clause added;
- Clause 7, Environmental properties: new clause added.

The text of the International Standard ISO 14520-8:2019 from Technical Committee ISO/TC 21 “Equipment for fire protection and firefighting” of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has been taken over as a European Standard by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 “Fixed firefighting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

EN 15004 will consist of the following parts, under the general title *Fixed firefighting systems — Gas extinguishing systems*:

- Part 1: *Design, installation and maintenance*;
- Part 2: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12 extinguishant*;
- Part 4: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant*;
- Part 5: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant*;
- Part 6: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant*;
- Part 7: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant*;
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- Part 9: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant*;
- Part 10: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant*.

## **EN 15004-4:2020 (E)**

The International Standards ISO 14520-2 and ISO 14520-11, which dealt with CF<sub>3</sub>I and HFC 236fa extinguishants, respectively, have not been implemented by CEN, as CF<sub>3</sub>I is only valid for local application and HFC 236fa extinguishant is only applicable for portable fire extinguishers and local application, respectively, which is not covered by the scope.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 125 extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects.

This document is applicable for systems operating at nominal pressures of 25 bar and 42 bar, superpressurized with nitrogen. This does not preclude the use of other systems.

## 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 15004-1:2019, *Fixed firefighting systems — Gas extinguishing systems — Part 1: Design, installation and maintenance (ISO 14520-1:2015, modified)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15004-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Characteristics and uses

### 4.1 General

Extinguishant HFC 125 shall comply with the specification shown in Table 1.

HFC 125 is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas, with a density approximately four times that of air.

The physical properties are shown in Table 2.

HFC 125 extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, but also by some chemical means.

**Table 1 — Specification for HFC 125**

Property	Requirement
Purity	99,6 % by mass, min.
Acidity	$3 \times 10^{-4}$ % by mass (3 parts per million), max.
Water content	$10 \times 10^{-4}$ % by mass (10 parts per million), max.
Non-volatile residue	0,01 % by mass, max.
Suspended matter or sediment	None visible

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