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European foreword

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This document is included in a series of documents covering:

- a) classification of fires (EN 2).
- b) mobile fire extinguishers (series EN 1866).

EN 3 consists of the following parts, under the general title “Portable fire extinguishers”.

- Part 7: Characteristics, performance requirements and test methods;
- Part 8: Requirements for the construction; pressure resistance and mechanical tests for extinguishers with a maximum allowable pressure equal to or lower than 30 bar, which comply with the requirements of EN 3-7.
- Part 9: Additional requirements to EN 3-7 for pressure resistance of CO₂ extinguishers.

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- Part 10: Provisions for evaluating the conformity of a portable fire extinguisher to EN 3-7.

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Introduction

This document is a product standard.

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

- pressure equipment manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organizations, market surveillance, etc.)
- pressure equipment users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- 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.

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1 Scope

This document specifies, as far as the pressure risk is concerned, the rules of design, type testing, fabrication and inspection control of portable fire extinguishers with a metallic body which comply with the requirements of EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007.

This part of EN 3 applies to portable fire extinguishers of which the maximum allowable pressure P_S is lower than or equal to 30 bar and containing non-explosive, non-flammable, non-toxic and non-oxidising fluids.

This document also applies to the marking of metallic propellant gas cartridges (see Annex E).

This document does not apply to carbon dioxide fire extinguishers.

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 3-7:2004+A1:2007, *Portable fire extinguishers — Part 7: Characteristics, performance requirements and test methods*

EN 10204:2004,¹⁾ *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

EN 13134:2000, *Brazing — Procedure approval*

EN ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps (ISO 4892-2:2013)*

EN ISO 9017:2018, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Fracture test (ISO 9017:2017)*

EN ISO 13585:2012, *Brazing — Qualification test of brazers and brazing operators (ISO 13585:2012)*

EN ISO 14555:2017, *Welding — Arc stud welding of metallic materials (ISO 14555:2017)*

EN ISO 14732:2013, *Welding personnel — Qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters for mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials (ISO 14732:2013)*

EN ISO 15614-1:2017,²⁾ *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 1: Arc and gas welding of steels and arc welding of nickel and nickel alloys (ISO 15614-1:2017)*

EN ISO 15614-2:2005, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test — Part 2: Arc welding of aluminium and its alloys (ISO 15614-2:2005)*

EN ISO 15614-11:2002, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 11: Electron and laser beam welding (ISO 15614-11:2002)*

EN ISO 15614-12:2014, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 12: Spot, seam and projection welding (ISO 15614-12:2014)*

¹⁾ This standard is also applicable to non-metallic products (see EN 10204:2004, 1.2).

²⁾ As impacted by EN ISO 15614-1:2017/A1:2019.

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