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### **European foreword**

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## Introduction

EN 13121 consists of the following parts under the general title “GRP tanks and vessels for use above ground”:

- *Part 1 — Raw materials – Specification conditions and acceptance criteria*
- *Part 2 — Composite materials – Chemical resistance*
- *Part 3 — Design and workmanship*
- *Part 4 — Delivery, installation and maintenance*

These four Parts together define the responsibilities of the tank or vessel manufacturers, the materials manufacturers or suppliers and the purchasers.

The design and manufacture of GRP tanks and vessels involve a number of different materials such as resins, plastics and reinforcing fibres and a number of different manufacturing methods. It is implicit that tanks and vessels conforming to this document should be made only by manufacturers and operators who are competent and suitably equipped to fulfil all requirements, using materials manufactured by competent and experienced material manufacturers.

Part 1 of this series specifies the requirements for specification conditions and acceptance conditions for raw materials — resins, curing agents, thermoplastic linings, reinforcing materials and additives — in terms of both material technical properties and the manufacturing process. These requirements are necessary in order to establish the chemical resistance properties determined in Part 2 and the mechanical, thermal and design properties determined in Part 3. Together with the workmanship principles determined in Part 3, specification conditions and acceptance conditions for raw materials ensure that the tank or vessel will be able to meet its design requirements, particularly in terms of its chemical/thermal resistance and pressure and load supporting requirements. Part 4 of this series specifies requirements for delivery, handling and installation and recommendations for maintenance of GRP tanks and vessels.

## EN 13121-1:2021 (E)

### 1 Scope

This document gives requirements for specification and acceptance conditions of raw materials for GRP tanks and vessels with or without lining for storage or processing of fluids, factory made or site built, non-pressurized or pressurized, for use above ground. Together with the workmanship for the production of the pressure-bearing materials principles determined in EN 13121-3:2016, specification conditions and acceptance conditions for raw materials ensure that the tank or vessel will be able to meet its design requirements, particularly in terms of its chemical/thermal resistance and pressure and load supporting requirements.

NOTE Tanks and vessels for storage or processing of food, raw materials for food and potable water additionally will be in compliance with relevant EU directives and applicable national standards and regulations.

### 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 59:2016, *Glass reinforced plastics - Determination of indentation hardness by means of a Barcol hardness tester*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products - Types of inspection documents*

EN 13121-2:2003, *GRP tanks and vessels for use above ground - Part 2: Composite materials - Chemical resistance*

EN 13121-3:2016, *GRP tanks and vessels for use above ground - Part 3: Design and workmanship*

EN ISO 75-2:2013, *Plastics - Determination of temperature of deflection under load - Part 2: Plastics and ebonite (ISO 75-2:2013)*

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