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Foreword

Objectives of the Eurocodes

The Structural Eurocodes comprise a group of standards for the structural and geo-technical design of buildings and civil engineering works.

They are intended to serve as reference documents for the following purposes:

- As a means to prove compliance of building and civil engineering works with the essential requirements of the Construction Products Directive (CPD)
- As a framework for drawing up harmonized technical specifications for construction products.

They cover execution and control only to the extent that is necessary to indicate the quality of the construction products, and the standard of the workmanship, needed to comply with the assumptions of the design rules.

Until the necessary set of harmonized technical specifications for products and for methods of testing their performance is available, some of the Structural Eurocodes cover some of these aspects in informative Annexes.

Background to the Eurocode Programme

The Commission of the European Communities (CEC) initiated the work of establishing a set of harmonized technical rules for the design of building and civil engineering works which would initially serve as an alternative to the different rules in force in the various Member States and would ultimately replace them. These technical rules became known as the "Structural Eurocodes".

In 1990, after consulting their respective Member States, the CEC transferred the work of further development, issue and updates of the Structural Eurocodes to CEN, and the EFTA Secretariat agreed to support the CEN work.

CEN Technical Committee CEN/TC 250 is responsible for all Structural Eurocodes.

Eurocode programme

Work is in hand on the following Structural Eurocodes, each generally consisting of a number of parts:

- EN 1991 Eurocode 1 Basis of design and actions on structures
- EN 1992 Eurocode 2 Design of concrete structures
- EN 1993 Eurocode 3 Design of steel structures
- EN 1994 Eurocode 4 Design of composite steel and concrete structures
- EN 1995 Eurocode 5 Design of timber structures
- EN 1996 Eurocode 6 Design of masonry structures
- EN 1997 Eurocode 7 Geo-technical design
- EN 1998 Eurocode 8 Design of structures for earthquake resistance
- EN 1999 Eurocode 9 Design of aluminium structures

Separate sub-committees have been formed by CEN/TC 250 for the various Eurocodes listed above.

This part of the Structural Eurocode for Design of Aluminium Structures, is being issued by CEN as a European Prestandard (ENV) with an initial life of three years.

This Prestandard is intended for experimental practical application in the design of the building and civil engineering works covered by the scope as given in 1.1.2 and for the submission of comments. After approximately two years CEN members will be invited to submit formal comments to be taken into

account in determining future action.

Meanwhile feedback and comments on this Prestandard should be sent to Secretariat of sub-committee CEN/TC 250/SC 9 at the following address:

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or to your national standards organization.

National Application Documents

In view of the responsibilities of authorities in member countries for the safety, health and other matters covered by the essential requirements of the CPD, certain safety elements in this ENV have been assigned indicative values which are identified by . The authorities in each member country are expected to assign definitive values to these safety elements.

Many of the harmonized supporting standards will not be available by the time this Prestandard is issued. It is therefore anticipated that a National Application Document (NAD) giving definitive values for safety elements, referencing compatible supporting standards and providing national guidance on the application of this Prestandard, will be issued by each member country or its Standards Organization.

It is intended that this Prestandard is used in conjunction with the NAD valid in the country where the building or civil engineering works are located.

Matters specific to this Prestandard

General

The scope of Eurocode 9 is defined in 1.1.1 and the scope of this Part of Eurocode 9 is defined in 1.1.2.

In using this Prestandard in practice, particular regard should be paid to the underlying assumptions and conditions given in 1.4.

In developing this Prestandard, background documents have been prepared, which give commentaries on, and justifications for, some of the provisions in the Prestandard.

Use of Annexes

The eight sections of this Prestandard are complemented by a number of Annexes, some normative and some informative.

The normative Annexes have the same status as the sections to which they relate. Most have been introduced by moving some of the more detailed Application Rules, which are needed only in particular cases, out of the main part of the text to aid its clarity.

Concept of Reference Standards

When using this Prestandard reference needs to be made to various CEN and ISO standards. These are used to define the product characteristics and processes which have been assumed to apply in formulating the design rules.

This Prestandard mentions certain "Reference Standards". Where any referenced CEN or ISO standard is not yet available, the National Application Document should be consulted for the standard to be used instead. It is assumed that only those grades and qualities given in section 3 will be used for buildings and civil engineering works designed to this European Prestandard.

Partial safety factors

This Prestandard gives general rules for the design of aluminium structures which relate to limit states of members such as fracture in tension, failure by instability phenomena or fracture of the connections.

Most of the rules have been calibrated against test results in order to obtain consistent values of the partial safety factors for resistance γ_M .

In order to avoid a large variety of γ_M values, two categories were selected:

- γ_{M1} is to be applied to resistance related to the 0,2 % proof strength $f_{0,2}$ (e.g. for all instability phenomena)
- γ_{M2} is to be applied to resistance related to the ultimate tensile stress f_u (e.g. net section strength in tension or bolt and weld resistances).

Fabrication and execution

Section 7 of this Prestandard is intended to indicate some minimum standards of workmanship and normal tolerances that have been assumed in deriving the design rules given in the Prestandard.

It also indicates to the designer the information relating to a particular structure that needs to be supplied in order to define the execution requirements.

In addition it defines normal clearances and other practical details which the designer needs to use in calculations.

Design assisted by testing

Section 8 is not required in the course of routine design, but is provided for use in the special circumstances in which it may become appropriate.

1 General

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 Scope of ENV 1999 Eurocode 9

(1) ENV 1999 Eurocode 9 applies to the design of buildings, civil and structural engineering works in aluminium. It is subdivided into various separate parts, see 1.1.2.

(2) This Eurocode is only concerned with the requirements for resistance, serviceability and durability of structures. Other requirements, e.g. concerning thermal or sound insulation, are not considered.

(3) Execution is covered to the extent that is necessary to indicate the quality of the construction material and products which should be used and the standard of workmanship on site needed to comply with the assumptions of the design rules. Generally, the rules related to execution and workmanship are to be considered as minimum requirements which may have to be further developed for particular types of buildings or civil and structural engineering works and methods of construction.

(4) ENV 1999 Eurocode 9 does not cover the special requirements of seismic design.

(5) Numerical values of the actions on buildings and civil and structural engineering works to be taken into account in the design are not given in ENV 1999 Eurocode 9. They are provided in ENV 1991 Eurocode 1 "Basis of design and actions on structures" which is applicable to all types of construction.

1.1.2 Scope of Part 1.1 of ENV 1999 Eurocode 9

(1) This European Prestandard gives a general basis for the design of buildings and civil and structural engineering works in aluminium alloy.

(2) The following subjects are dealt with in this initial version of this European Prestandard.

- Section 1: General
- Section 2: Basis of design
- Section 3: Materials
- Section 4: Serviceability limit states
- Section 5: Ultimate limit states (members)
- Section 6: Connections subject to static loading
- Section 7: Fabrication and execution
- Section 8: Design assisted by testing

(3) Most of the contents of Section 1 and Section 2 are common to all Structural Eurocodes, with the exception of some additional clauses which are specific to individual Eurocodes.

(4) This European Prestandard does not cover:

- resistance to fire;
- cases where special measures may be necessary to limit the consequences of accidents;
- fatigue.

1.2 Distinction between Principles and Application Rules

(1) Depending on the character of the individual clauses, distinction is made in this Eurocode between Principles and Application Rules.

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