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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 1612-2:2000+A1:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 145 "Plastics and rubber machines", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2009.

This document includes Amendment 1, approved by CEN on 2008-06-15.

- The main changes compared to the previous version are:
- modification of the main element of the title:
- editorial modification of Annex ZA;
- addition of Annex ZB;
- editorial changes of EN 292-1:1991 to EN ISO 12100-1:2003 and of EN 292-2:1991 to EN ISO 12100-2:2003 in the following clauses: Introduction, 2, 5.1.1;
- updating of prEN 999 to EN 999;
- minor changes in the Foreword, new 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph. (A)

This document supersedes EN 1612-2:2000.

The start and finish of text introduced or altered by amendment is indicated in the text by tags [A].

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A) For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annexes ZA and ZB, which are integral parts of this document. (A)

This standard deals with metering and mixing units.

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### Introduction

This European Standard is a type C standard as defined in [A] EN ISO 12100 [A].

The extent to which hazards are covered is indicated in the scope of this standard. In addition, machinery shall comply as appropriate with  $\boxed{\mathbb{A}}$  EN ISO 12100  $\boxed{\mathbb{A}}$  for hazards which are not covered by this standard.

## 1 Scope

This standard covers the essential health and safety requirements for the design of reaction moulding plant with the exception of metering and mixing units (for these see part 1).

The significant and specific hazards are listed in clause 4 and are dealt with in this standard.

This standard does not cover completely the hazards arising from the use of highly flammable additives, for example pentane used as a blowing agent (see 4.3), because these hazards depend to a large extent on the additives and process used.

This standard does not cover the hazards due to noise generated by the cutting unit, which is the only significant source of noise at such plant.

This standard does not cover the requirements for the design of exhaust systems.

This standard does not cover the hazards arising from the assembly of separate units not supplied at the same time by the same manufacturer.

This standard applies to reaction moulding plant manufactured after the date of publication of this standard.

NOTE Directive 94/9/EC concerning equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres can be applicable to the type of machine or equipment covered by this European Standard. The present standard is not intended to provide means of complying with the essential health and safety requirements of Directive 94/9/EC.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates provisions from other publications by dated or undated references. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed below. For dated references, subsequent amendments or revisions of these publications apply to this European standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

A<sub>1</sub> deleted text (A<sub>1</sub>

EN 294:1992, Safety of Machinery - Safety distances to prevent danger zones being reached by the upper limbs

EN 349:1993, Safety of Machinery - Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body

EN 418:1992, Safety of Machinery - Emergency stop equipment, functional aspects - Principles for design

EN 574:1996, Safety of Machinery - Two-hand control devices - Functional aspects - Principles for design

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EN 953:1997, Safety of Machinery - Guards - General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards

EN 954-1:1996, Safety of Machinery - Safety related parts of control systems - Part 1: General principles for design

EN 999 (A), Safety of Machinery - The positioning of protective equipment in respect of approach speeds of parts of the human body

EN 1037:1995, Safety of Machinery - Prevention of unexpected start-up

EN 1088:1995, Safety of Machinery - Interlocking devices associated with guards - Principles for design and selection

EN 1127-1:1997, Explosive atmospheres – Explosion prevention and protection – Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology

EN 1612-1:1997, Rubber and plastics machines - Reaction moulding machines - Part 1: Safety requirements for metering and mixing units

EN 1760, Safety of machinery - Pressure sensitive protective devices

EN 60079-10:1996, Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres - Classification of hazardous areas

EN 60079-14:1997, Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Electrical installations in hazardous areas (other than mines)

EN 60204-1:1997, Safety of Machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements

EN 60529:1991, Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)

EN 61496-1:1997, Safety of Machinery – Electro-sensitive protective equipment - Part 1: General requirements and tests

EN ISO 12100-1:2003, Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design - Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology (ISO 12100-1:2003)

EN ISO 12100-2:2003, Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design - Part 2: Technical principles (ISO 12100-2:2003) [4]

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

#### 3.1

#### reaction moulding plant

a complex installation for reaction moulding which consists of one or more metering and mixing units (see part 1), moulding equipment and ancillary equipment.

#### 3.1.1

#### continuous moulding equipment

equipment for continuous moulding of semi-finished products which may be for example slabs, blocks or continuous sandwich composites (see figures 1 and 2)

#### 3.1.2

### moulding equipment for individual components

Equipment for production of individual components. This may be:



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