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Foreword

This document (EN 13938-2) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 321 "Explosives for Civil Uses", the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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- EN13938-3 *Part 3: Determination of deflagration to detonation transition.*
- EN13938-4 *Part 4: Determination of burning rate under ambient conditions.*
- EN13938-5 *Part 5: Solid rocket propellants. Determination of voids and fissures*
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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of resistance to electrostatic energy for propellants containing a mass fraction of at least 5 % of particles which pass through a 1 mm sieve. This method does not apply to black powder.

NOTE: If the mass fraction of particles smaller than 1 mm size is less than 5 % the propellant is considered to be insensitive to electrostatic energy and this test is not performed.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 13857-1:2003, *Explosives for civil uses — Part 1: Terminology*.

EN ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:1999)*.

ISO 565, *Test sieves; Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet - Nominal sizes of openings*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13857-1:2003 and the following apply.

3.1

reaction

occurrence of report, crackling, sparkling and/or flame

3.2

partial reaction

change of colour, opening of the cell or heat traces at the surface of the cell

4 Apparatus

4.1 Cells and covers (see Figure 1).

The cell consists of:

- a plastics disc, e.g. polyvinylchloride, thickness $(3,0 \pm 0,1)$ mm, diameter (32 ± 1) mm, with a centred drilled hole, diameter $(6,3 \pm 0,1)$ mm;
- a copper disc, thickness approximately 1 mm, diameter (19 ± 1) mm, which forms the cell base.

The plastics disc is fixed to the copper disc by means of a bead of adhesive around the outer edge.

The cover consists of a copper disc, thickness approximately 0,1 mm, diameter (16 ± 1) mm which is fixed to the upper part of the plastics disc by means of a double-sided adhesive tape.

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