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DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE OF  
EQUIPMENT FOR RESISTANCE WELDING,  
ARC WELDING AND ALLIED PROCESSES  
WITH THE BASIC RESTRICTIONS  
RELATED TO HUMAN EXPOSURE TO  
ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS (0 HZ - 300  
GHZ)"**

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**Product family standard to demonstrate compliance of equipment  
for resistance welding, arc welding and allied processes with the basic  
restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields  
(0 Hz - 300 GHz)**

Norme de famille de produit pour  
démontrer la conformité d'un équipement  
pour le soudage par résistance,  
le soudage à l'arc et les techniques  
connexes avec les restrictions de base  
concernant l'exposition des personnes  
aux champs électromagnétiques  
(0 Hz - 300 GHz)

Produktfamiliennorm zur  
Konformitätsprüfung von Einrichtungen  
zum Widerstandsschweißen,  
Lichtbogenschweißen und artverwandten  
Prozessen in Bezug auf die bei der  
Exposition durch elektromagnetische  
Felder anzuwendenden Basisgrenzwerte  
(0 Hz - 300 GHz)

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This European Standard has been prepared under mandates M/305 and M/351 given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

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## 1 Scope

This product family standard applies to equipment for resistance welding, arc welding and allied processes designed for use in industrial or domestic environments, including welding power sources, wire feeders and ancillary equipment, e.g. torches, liquid cooling systems and arc striking and stabilising devices.

NOTE 1 Allied processes are for example resistance hard and soft soldering, resistance heating by means comparable to resistance welding equipment, electric arc cutting and arc spraying.

The frequency range covered is 0 Hz to 300 GHz.

This product family standard may be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Directive 2006/95/EC [1] (needed for placing electric welding equipment on the European market), with regard to the limitation of human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF). There are additional requirements in the Directive, which are not included in this product family standard.

NOTE 2 The Directive 2006/95/EC [1], Article 2, stipulates that the Member States take all appropriate measures to ensure that electrical equipment may be placed on the market only if, having been constructed in accordance with good engineering practice in safety matters in force in the Community.

This product family standard may also be used for assessment regarding the requirements of Directive 2004/40/EC [3] on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) or Recommendation 1999/519/EC [2] on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields, provided that no other relevant field sources are present in close proximity. If other relevant field sources are present, additional assessment is necessary.

NOTE 3 It should be noted that the supplier of specific equipment might not know the overall exposure environment in which the equipment is being used. This product family standard can only be used to assess human exposure from the specific equipment under evaluation when being used in accordance with the suppliers guidelines.

NOTE 4 Assessment procedures for workplaces with multiple field-sources may be found in EN 50499 [7].

Other standards may apply to products covered by this product family standard. In particular this standard can not be used to demonstrate electromagnetic compatibility with other equipment; nor does it specify any product safety requirements other than those specifically related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields.

NOTE 5 Procedures to demonstrate compliance are not specified for the whole frequency range.

## 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 50392	Generic standard to demonstrate the compliance of electronic and electrical apparatus with the basic restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz – 300 GHz)
EN 50444	Basic standard for the evaluation of human exposure to electromagnetic fields from equipment for arc welding and allied processes
EN 50505	Basic standard for the evaluation of human exposure to electromagnetic fields from equipment for resistance welding and allied processes
EN 60974-1	Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources (IEC 60974-1)
EN 60974-6	Arc welding equipment – Part 6: Limited duty manual metal arc welding power sources (IEC 60974-6)

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