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Foreword

This document (EN 1012-1:2010) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 232 "Compressors, vacuum pumps and their systems", the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by March 2011, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2012.

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For relationship with EC Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

The responsibility of CEN/TC 232 includes coordination of safety standards with CEN/TC 182, "Refrigerating systems, safety and environmental requirements", and CEN/TC 234, "Gas infrastructure".

This document is in three parts:

- *Part 1: Air compressors;*
- *Part 2: Vacuum pumps;*
- *Part 3: Process compressors.*

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Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in the introduction to EN ISO 12100-1.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those which are stated in type A and B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type C standard.

This standard when published in 1996 applied to all types of compressors. The standard has now been divided into three parts with this part addressing compressors for compressed air, nitrogen and inert gases, a second part addressing vacuum pumps and a third part addressing compressors for process gases. It was considered a practical move so that if there were provisions that were laid down for compressors covered by CEN/TC 12 or ISO/TC 67, then any revision or amendments could be done to the process compressor part without affecting the provisions laid down for air compressors covered by this part of EN 1012.

Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of compressor units are:

- EN 61000-6-4 and EN 61000-6-2 for stationary compressor units;
- EN 13309 for skid-mounted and mobile compressor units on electromagnetic compatibility.

1 Scope

This part of EN 1012 is applicable to compressors and compressor units having an operating pressure greater than 0,5 bar and designed to compress air, nitrogen or inert gases. This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to the design, installation, operation, maintenance, dismantling and disposal of compressors and compressor units, when they are used as intended and under conditions of misuse which are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer (see Clause 4).

This part of EN 1012 includes under the general term compressor units those machines which comprise:

- the compressor;
- a drive system;
- any component or device which is necessary for operation.

This part also covers the general requirements relating to process gas compressors; for specific requirements see prEN 1012-3 which applies.

This part covers compressors driven by any power media, including battery powered and which are fitted in or used with motor vehicles.

This part of EN 1012 does not cover requirements for compressors used in potentially explosive atmospheres.

This part of EN 1012 is not applicable to compressors which are manufactured before the date of publication of this document by CEN.

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 547-1, *Safety of machinery — Human body measurements — Part 1: Principles for determining the dimensions required for openings for whole body access into machinery*

EN 626-1:1994+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Reduction of risks to health from hazardous substances emitted by machinery — Part 1: Principles and specifications for machinery manufacturers*

EN 837-2, *Pressure gauges — Part 2: Selection and installation recommendations for pressure gauges*

EN 953:1997+A1:2009, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

EN 982:1996+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Safety requirements for fluid power systems and their components — Hydraulics*

EN 983:1996+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Safety requirements for fluid power systems and their components — Pneumatics*

EN 1005-2, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 2: Manual handling of machinery and component parts of machinery*

EN 12021, *Respiratory protective devices — Compressed air for breathing apparatus*

EN 13445-5:2009, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 5: Inspection and testing*

EN 13445-6, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 6: Requirements for the design and fabrication of pressure vessels and pressure parts constructed from spheroidal graphite cast iron*

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