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## Foreword

This document (EN 659:2003+A1:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 162, "Protective clothing including hand and arm protection and lifejackets", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## Introduction

Suitable gloves for firefighters can enable the firefighters to work for long periods under hazardous conditions. However, it is not possible to relate the performance levels achieved in laboratory testing to protection levels under actual use conditions because the thermal hazards in wet and dry conditions may be very different.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines minimum performance requirements and test methods for firefighters' protective gloves.

This European Standard applies only to firefighters' protective gloves which protect the hands during normal firefighting, including search and rescue.

These gloves are not intended for deliberate handling of liquid chemicals, but provide some protection against accidental contact with chemicals.

Protective gloves for special operations within firefighting service are excluded from the scope of this standard.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments or revisions of any 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 (including amendments).

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EN 367, *Protective clothing — Protection against heat and fire — Method of determining heat transmission on exposure to flames*

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EN 388, *Protective gloves against mechanical risks*

EN 407, *Protective gloves against thermal risks (heat and/or fire)*

**A1** EN 420:2003, *Protective gloves — General requirements and test methods* **A1**

EN 702, *Protective clothing — Protection against heat and flame — Test method: Determination of the contact heat transmission through protective clothing or its materials*

EN 20811, *Textile — Determination of resistance to water penetration — Hydrostatic pressure test*

**A1** EN ISO 6530, *Protective clothing — Protection against liquid chemicals — Test method for resistance of materials to penetration by liquids (ISO 6530:2005)* **A1**

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