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## **EN 16486:2014 (E)**

### **Foreword**

This document (EN 16486:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 397 “Project Committee - Baling presses - Safety requirements”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2015 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2015.

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## **Introduction**

This European Standard is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and hazardous 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 or 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 in accordance with the provisions of this type C standard.

## EN 16486:2014 (E)

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the safety requirements for the design, manufacture and information for the safe use of compactors that compact waste material or recyclable fractions (e. g. paper, plastics, textiles, cans, cardboard, mixed waste), hereafter referred to as materials.

This European Standard applies to:

- compactors using a horizontally moving screw, pendulum or plate as compacting part and where the materials move horizontally; and
- compactors that are mechanically fed and/or fed by hand.

These compactors can be:

- static compactors;
- transportable compactors;
- traversing systems.

The scope includes:

- any integral mechanical feed equipment (e.g. bin lift);
- feed hoppers/openings;
- any integral pre-conditioning equipment in the hopper (e.g. perforators, pre-crushing devices and shredders);
- any integral material flow control equipment;
- the interface between the compactor and any feed equipment (except those excluded from the scope).

The scope of this European Standard does not cover:

- compactors that are covered by EN 1501 (all parts);
- underground compactors, however if these compactors can be used above ground this standard applies;
- compactors using thermal technologies for compaction;
- vacuum compactors;
- compactors where materials are compacted vertically;
- containers for static compactors, however the interface between the compaction unit and the container is included;
- bins in which materials are collected for feeding into the compactor;
- any up-stream pre-treatment equipment that is not integral to the machine and is used to treat the materials before they are fed into the feed opening of the compactor;
- vehicles including lifting equipment used to collect and transport the compactor or container;



- cranes, lift trucks or other transportable plant used to load materials into the feed hopper/opening and the hazards arising out of using this equipment to load;
- any suction or dust control equipment.

This European standard does not cover the lifting and transport of transportable compactors.

This European Standard does not apply to hazards arising from the materials being processed (e.g. asbestos, clinical waste, aerosol containers).

All hazards mentioned in Clause 4 are dealt with in this European Standard.

This European Standard is not applicable for compactors which are manufactured before the date of its publication as an EN.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 349:1993+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery - Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*

EN 574:1996+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery - Two-hand control devices - Functional aspects - Principles for design*

EN 620:2002+A1:2010, *Continuous handling equipment and systems - Safety and EMC requirements for fixed belt conveyors for bulk materials*

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

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