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## Foreword

This document (EN 1012-3:2013) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2014, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2014.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN [and/or CENELEC] shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

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

EN 1012, *Compressors and vacuum pumps*, is composed of the following parts:

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

According to the CEN-CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

## Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100.

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.

When published in 1996, Part 1 of EN 1012 applied to all types of compressor. The standard is now divided into 3 parts with Part 1 addressing compressors for compressed air, nitrogen and inert gases and Part 3 addressing compressors for process gases. Part 2 continues to address vacuum pumps.

Separating requirements for process gas compressors from those for compressors for air, nitrogen and other inert gases was considered a practical move so that the requirements for one type of compressor could be changed without affecting the complete standard.

Where texts parts of EN 1012-3 are identical with EN 1012-1:2010, these are identified and formatted in italics.

If common requirements for functional safety would be applied to all process compressors, the variety in the application of process compressors may cause significantly different levels of residual risk. Therefore, in addition to the requirements of this standard, the application of risk assessment may be required for safety related control systems in the case of particular applications to specify performance levels and/or safety integrity levels for related aspects of functional safety.

Informative Annex C has been included to provide guidance on risk assessment for related aspects of functional safety, including the determination of safety integrity levels and/or performance levels. The manufacturer of the compressor is responsible for carrying out such a risk assessment and applying appropriate preventive measures. These tasks are outside the scope of this standard.



## 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to process gas compressors and process gas compressor units having an operating pressure greater than 0,5 bar (gauge), an input shaft power greater than 0,5 kW and designed to compress all gases other than air, nitrogen or inert gases which are covered in Part 1. This document deals with all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to the design, installation, operation, maintenance, dismantling and disposal of process gas compressors and process gas 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 including the prime mover;
- any component or device supplied which is necessary for operation.

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

The requirements of this European Standard do not take into account the interaction between the compressor/compressor unit and other processes carried out on site.

Excluded are:

- refrigerant compressors used in refrigerating systems or heat pumps for which the safety requirements are given in EN 60335-2-34 or EN 12693;
- the specification of performance levels and/or safety integrity levels for safety related parts of control systems.

Performance levels and/or safety integrity levels are an important aspect of compressor design and should be determined by the manufacturer and the user based on a risk assessment (see Introduction).

This European Standard does not cover those safety aspects of road transport dealt with by EC legislation for trailers.

## 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 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 764-7:2002, *Pressure equipment — Part 7: Safety systems for unfired pressure equipment*

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*

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