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## European foreword

This document (EN 1253-4:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 165 “Waste water engineering”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This is the fourth part in EN 1253, a series of standards relating to different types of floor gullies, roof drains and access covers for drainage systems inside buildings. The EN 1253 series under the main title *Gullies for buildings* actually consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Trapped floor gullies with a depth water seal of at least 50 mm;*
- *Part 2: Roof drains and floor gullies without trap;*
- *Part 3: Evaluation of conformity;*
- *Part 4: Access covers;*
- *Part 5: Gullies with light liquids closure.*

Since the latest versions of EN 1253-4 the most significant technical changes are the following:

- a) introduction of the new standards on trapped floor gullies with a depth of water seal of at least 50 mm (EN 1253-1), roof drains and floor gullies without trap (EN 1253-2) and on evaluation of conformity (EN 1253-3);
- b) amendment of items of marking as well as methods of marking.

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**EN 1253-4:2016 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard classifies access covers according to their loading strength and specifies requirements relating to their design, construction, marking, testing and evaluation of conformity.

This European Standard classifies and specifies requirements for factory made access covers used for drainage systems inside buildings. This European Standard does not apply to access covers intended for external use which are covered by EN 124 series.

**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 124 (all parts), *Gully tops and manhole tops for vehicular and pedestrian areas*

EN 476, *General requirements for components used in drains and sewers*

EN 1253-1:2015, *Gullies for buildings — Part 1: Trapped floor gullies with a depth water seal of at least 50 mm*

EN 1253-2:2015, *Gullies for buildings — Part 2: Roof drains and floor gullies without trap*

EN 1253-3, *Gullies for buildings — Part 3: Evaluation of conformity*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the EN 124 series, EN 1253-1:2015 and the following apply.

**3.1****access cover**

assembly providing access to chamber, gully, shaft or pipe, capable of installation at floor level, generally consisting of a cover and frame

**3.2****cover**

removable part of an access cover

**3.3****frame**

fixed part of an access cover which receives and supports a cover

**3.4****seating**

surface on which the cover rests in the frame

**4 Classification**

Access covers are classified by loading strength when tested in accordance with 7.1, into the following classes: H 1,5, K 3, L 15, R 50, M 125, N 250, P 400.

A guide for selecting the class of an access cover appropriate to the place of installation is given below. The selection of the appropriate class is the responsibility of the specifier.



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