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For relationship with Directive 2014/68/EU, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

In comparison with EN 12735-1:2010, the following significant technical changes were made:

- a) The size range of the outside diameter has been increased from 133 mm to 219 mm;
- b) Nominal outside diameters have been added to Table 3;
- c) The alloy CuFe2P (CW107C) has been included;
- d) Sub-clause 8.6 has been revised and a new normative Annex B "Freedom from defects test" has been added.

EN 12735, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for air conditioning and refrigeration* consists of two parts:

— *Part 1: Tubes for piping systems;*

— *Part 2: Tubes for equipment.*

This is one of a series of European Standards for copper and copper alloy tubes. Other products are specified as follows:

- EN 1057, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round copper tubes for water and gas in sanitary and heating applications*
- EN 12449, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for general purposes*
- EN 12450, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round copper capillary tubes*
- EN 12451, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for heat exchangers*
- EN 12452, *Copper and copper alloys — Rolled, finned, seamless tubes for heat exchangers*



- EN 12735-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for air conditioning and refrigeration — Part 2: Tubes for equipment*
- EN 13348, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round copper tubes for medical gases or vacuum*
- EN 13349, *Copper and copper alloys — Pre-insulated copper tubes with solid covering*
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## **Introduction**

It is recommended that tubes manufactured to this European Standard are certified as conforming to the requirements of this standard based on continuing surveillance which should be coupled with an assessment of a supplier's quality management system such as EN ISO 9001.

**NOTE** It is advised to take appropriate precautions if applying insulating material because it could be detrimental to the tube.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements, sampling, test methods and conditions of delivery for seamless round copper and copper alloy tubes used for refrigeration and air-conditioning piping systems (i.e. piping, connections and repairs).

It is applicable to tubes with an outside diameter from 3 mm up to and including 219 mm.

Tubes made of the copper-grade Cu-DHP are supplied in straight lengths in the material conditions hard or half-hard, or in coils in the annealed material condition.

Tubes made of the alloy CuFe2P are supplied in straight length in the material conditions hard or annealed.

## 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 723, *Copper and copper alloys - Combustion method for determination of the carbon content on the inner surface of copper tubes or fittings*

EN 1173, *Copper and copper alloys - Material condition designation*

EN 1655, *Copper and copper alloys - Declarations of conformity*

EN 1971-1, *Copper and copper alloys - Eddy current test for measuring defects on seamless round copper and copper alloy tubes - Part 1: Test with an encircling test coil on the outer surface*

EN 1971-2, *Copper and copper alloys - Eddy current test for measuring defects on seamless round copper and copper alloy tubes - Part 2: Test with an internal probe on the inner surface*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products - Types of inspection documents*

EN ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials - Vickers hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1)*

EN ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials - Tensile testing - Part 1: Method of test at room temperature (ISO 6892-1)*

EN ISO 8493, *Metallic materials - Tube - Drift-expanding test (ISO 8493)*

ISO 1553, *Unalloyed copper containing not less than 99,90 % of copper - Determination of copper content - Electrolytic method*

ISO 4741, *Copper and copper alloys - Determination of phosphorus content - Molybdovanadate spectrometric method*

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