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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 12327:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234 “Gas infrastructure”, 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2013, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2013.

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## **Introduction**

There is a complete suite of functional standards prepared by CEN/TC 234, "Gas infrastructure" to cover all parts of the gas infrastructure from the point of input of gas to the transmission system up to the inlet connection of the gas appliances, whether for domestic, commercial or industrial purposes. In addition, a new EN Work Item is being prepared by CEN/TC 234/WG 10, "Gas Service Lines".

In preparing this European Standard a basic understanding of gas supply by the user has been assumed.

Gas infrastructures are complex and the importance on safety of their construction and use has led to the development of very detailed codes of practice and operating manuals in the member countries. These detailed statements embrace recognized standards of gas engineering and the specific requirements imposed by the legal structures of the member countries.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes common principles for pressure testing, commissioning and decommissioning of gas infrastructures as covered by the functional European Standards of the Technical Committee CEN/TC 234, see Annex B. They have been extracted from the detailed codes of practice and operating manuals in the member countries.

This European Standard does not cover installation pipework which is covered by EN 1775.

The specified procedures are applicable to strength testing, tightness testing and combined testing. Test pressure levels, test periods and acceptance criteria are not covered by this European Standard.

Additional measures or different methods of testing, commissioning or decommissioning can be required by legislation of the individual member countries or at the discretion of the pipeline operator.

This European Standard specifies common basic principles for gas infrastructure. Users of this European Standard should be aware that more detailed national standards and/or code of practice may exist in the CEN member countries.

This European Standard is intended to be applied in association with these national standards and/or codes of practice setting out the above-mentioned basic principles.

In the event of conflicts in terms of more restrictive requirements in national legislation/regulation with the requirements of this European Standard, the national legislation/regulation should take precedence as illustrated in CEN/TR 13737 (all parts).

CEN/TR 13737 (all parts) give:

- clarification of all legislations/regulations applicable in a member state;
- if appropriate, more restrictive national requirements;
- a national contact point for the latest information.

## 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 837-1, *Pressure gauges — Part 1: Bourdon tube pressure gauges — Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 837-2, *Pressure gauges — Part 2: Selection and installation recommendations for pressure gauges*

EN 837-3, *Pressure gauges — Part 3: Diaphragm and capsule pressure gauges — Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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