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## Copper and copper alloys - Seamless, round copper tubes for medical gases or vacuum

Cuivre et alliages de cuivre - Tubes ronds sans soudure  
en cuivre pour gaz médicaux ou le vide

Kupfer und Kupferlegierungen - Nahtlose Rundrohre  
aus Kupfer für medizinische Gase oder Vakuum

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## European foreword

This document (EN 13348:2016) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 "Copper and copper alloys", 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2016 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2016.

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

Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 3 "Copper tubes (installation and industrial)" to revise EN 13348:2008.

In comparison with EN 13348:2008, the following significant technical changes were made:

- a) The size range of the outside diameters has been increased from 133 mm to 219 mm;
- b) Nominal outside diameters have been added to Table 1;
- c) Lubricant residue values for the new outside diameters have been added in 6.5;
- d) Sub-clause 8.7 has been revised and a new normative Annex B "Freedom from defects tests" has been added.

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 12735-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for air conditioning and refrigeration — Part 1: Tubes for piping systems*

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- EN 12735-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless, round tubes for air conditioning and refrigeration — Part 2: Tubes for equipment*
- EN 13349, *Copper and copper alloys — Pre-insulated copper tubes with solid covering*
- EN 13600, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless copper tubes for electrical purposes*

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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.

Tubes to this European Standard are suitable for capillary soldering, brazing or assembling by mechanical compression or collared fittings.

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

**EN 13348:2016 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard specifies the requirements, sampling, test methods and conditions of delivery for copper tubes.

It is applicable to seamless round copper tubes having an outside diameter from 6 mm up to and including 219 mm for pipeline systems under vacuum or for distributing the following medical gases intended to be used at operating pressures up to 2 000 kPa:

- oxygen, nitrous oxide, nitrogen, helium, carbon dioxide, xenon;
- medical air;
- specific mixtures of these above mentioned gases;
- air for driving surgical tools;
- anaesthetic gases and vapours.

**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 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 8491, *Metallic materials - Tube (in full section) - Bend test (ISO 8491)*

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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