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Foreword

This document (EN 336:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 124 "Timber structures", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2014, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2014.

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This document will supersede EN 336:2003.

Compared to EN 336:2003, the following modifications have been made:

- a) in the scope, the limit to 300 mm is deleted so the standard is available for large cross section;
- b) minimum size changed from 22 mm to 6 mm;
- c) in subclause 4.2, the changes in size due to changes in moisture content are given for hardwoods;
- d) in subclause 4.3, the permitted cross sectional deviations are given for thicknesses and widths above 300 mm;
- e) in Clause 5, moisture content measurement in accordance with the three parts of EN 13183.

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Introduction

Target size is the basis for the standard.

A method of calculating sizes at other moisture levels is provided.

The standard also stipulates a method for the measurement of moisture content.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies two classes of permitted deviations from target sizes for structural timber of softwood and hardwood species.

It also specifies the moisture content to be used as a reference point for the measurement of sizes, and gives average values for changes in size due to changes in moisture content.

It is applicable to sawn and prepared square-edged structural timber with parallel edges having sawn thicknesses or widths greater than 6 mm.

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 1309-1, *Round and sawn timber — Method of measurement of dimensions — Part 1: Sawn timber*

EN 13183-1, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 1: Determination by oven dry method*

EN 13183-2, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 2: Estimation by electrical resistance method*

EN 13183-3, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 3: Estimation by capacitance method*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

target size

size specified (at the reference moisture content), and to which the deviations, which would ideally be zero, are to be related

3.2

deviation

difference between actual size and the corresponding target size, making allowance for the difference in size due to difference in moisture content (see Clause 5)

3.3

moisture content

amount of water present in timber, expressed as a percentage of the oven-dry mass

4 Sizes for structural timber

4.1 General

Sizes shall be measured in accordance with EN 1309-1.

For the purposes of this European Standard, the reference moisture content is 20 %.

NOTE The reference moisture content is the moisture content at which sizes are given. It is different from target moisture contents which are defined in EN 14298.