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## European foreword

This document (EN 45545-2:2020+A1:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 “Railway applications”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This series of European Standards *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles* consists of:

- Part 1: General;
- Part 2: Requirements for fire behaviour of materials and components;
- Part 3: Fire resistance requirements for fire barriers;
- Part 4: Fire safety requirements for railway rolling stock design;
- Part 5: Fire safety requirements for electrical equipment including that of trolley buses, track guided buses and magnetic levitation vehicles;
- Part 6: Fire control and management systems;
- Part 7: Fire safety requirements for flammable liquid and flammable gas installations.

The main changes from EN 45545-2:2013+A1:2015 to EN 45545-2:2020 are:

- **integration of the new test standards:**
  - deletion of Annexes A and B and reference to EN 16989;
  - now, EN 16989 is given in Clause 2, Normative references;
  - in Table 2, EN 16989 appears for F1 product;
  - in Table 5, modification of R18 requirement to be in accordance with EN 16989;
  - in Table 5, adding of footnote d to be in accordance with EN 16989;
  - deletion of Annex C and reference to EN 17084;

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- now, EN 17084 is given in Clause 2, Normative references;
- in Table 5, EN 17084 is now the reference instead of EN ISO 5659-2: 50 kWm<sup>-2</sup> for the parameter CIT<sub>G</sub>;
- in Clause 2, Normative references, new standards appear:
  - EN 16989, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Fire behaviour test for a complete seat*;
  - EN 17084, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Toxicity test of materials and components*;
  - EN 60695-1-40, *Fire hazard testing — Part 1-40: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products — Insulating liquids (IEC 60695-1-40)*;
- and standards were deleted:
  - EN 60584-1, *Thermocouples — Part 1: Reference tables*;
  - EN ISO 6507-3, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 3: Calibration of reference blocks (ISO 6507-3)*;
  - ISO/TR 9705-2, *Reaction-to-fire tests — Full-scale room tests for surface products — Part 2: Technical background and guidance*;
  - ISO 11054, *Cutting tools — Designation of high-speed steel groups*;
  - ISO 19702, *Toxicity testing of fire effluents — Guidance for analysis of gases and vapours in fire effluents using FTIR gas analysis*;
  - NF X70-100-1, *Fire tests — Analysis of gaseous effluents — Part 1: methods for analysing gases stemming from thermal degradation*;
  - NF X70-100-2, *Fire tests — Analysis of gaseous effluents — Part 2: tubular furnace thermal degradation method*;
- in Clause 3, Terms and definitions, adding of:
  - ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:
    - IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
    - ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- **some initial changes based on the return of experience:**
  - 4.2.a, adding of « laminated glass where the internal organic layers are not exposed and the percentage mass of organic material is less than or equal to 6 %. »;
  - 4.2.e, modification « a product, other than an electric cable:
    - meeting a requirement at two different thicknesses with identical formulation and density (of each layer), shall be considered to comply with the requirement at all intermediate

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thicknesses. A product meeting a requirement at the maximum testable thickness shall be considered to comply with the requirement at greater thicknesses;

- meeting a requirement at two different densities, shall be considered to comply with the requirement at all intermediate densities. The material with a differing density shall have identical formulation and thickness. »;
- 4.2.g, adding of « or with substrates representative of the end use condition in accordance with 5.3 »;
- 4.2.h, adding of two new bullet points:
  - the technical cabinet contains only mechanical or low power electrical equipment. The cabinet sheets are closed and made of aluminium, steel or glass. The enclosed volume is  $\leq 0,1 \text{ m}^3$ . Covered openings (e.g. by connectors or switches) are acceptable;
  - the technical cabinet sheet material is made of aluminium or steel and the enclosed volume is  $\leq 0,5 \text{ m}^3$ . For any individual surface of the cabinet, the total area of all openings in that surface shall be less than 1/1000 of the nominal surface area;
- 4.2.j, modification « for organic coatings applied to non-metallic surfaces, the full specified test requirements of chapters 4.3 till 4.5 are mandatory; »
- 4.2.k, modification « for organic coatings applied to products conforming to 4.2 a), ISO 5658-2 or EN ISO 9239-1 flame spread tests shall be carried out, but other test requirements such as heat release, smoke emission and toxic gas emission tests are not required if the nominal coating thickness, including any surfacing filler for exterior products is  $< 0,3 \text{ mm}$ , or for interior products the nominal thickness of organic coating is  $< 0,15 \text{ mm}$ ; »
- 4.3: modifications:

#### 4.3.1 General

Products compliant to Table 2 or Table 3 are excluded from the grouping assessment.

No requirements apply to products with a combustible mass of  $\leq 10 \text{ g}$  in touching contact only with a product compliant to Table 2 and Table 3.

To assess products within the grouping rules the following parameters have to be considered.

Products shall be assessed within the grouping rules if:

- the exposed area of each product is  $\leq 0,2 \text{ m}^2$ ; and
- the combustible mass of each product is  $> 10 \text{ g}$  or they are in touching contact with another unclassified combustible product; and
- the horizontal distance is  $\leq 20 \text{ mm}$  and the vertical distance is  $\leq 200 \text{ mm}$  to a combustible product not assessed to Table 2, Table 3 or R24 according to rule 2; and
- they are not fully separated by a product compliant with the fire integrity requirement of 5.3.7.

The combustible masses of the products in this group shall be summed. The assessment process described in 4.3.2 to 4.3.4 is visualized in the flow chart in Figure 1.

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#### 4.3.2 Rule 1

If the total combustible mass of the grouped products is

—  $\leq 100$  g for interior grouped products;

or

—  $\leq 400$  g for exterior grouped products;

no requirements apply to the products of this group.

This principle also applies to single products that meet the requirements of 4.3.1.

#### 4.3.3 Rule 2

If the total combustible mass of the grouped products exceeds the limits stated in Rule 1, but

—  $\leq 500$  g for interior grouped products;

or

—  $\leq 2\,000$  g for exterior grouped products;

one combustible product of this group has to be tested according to R24.

If this product is compliant to R24 it shall not be considered for further assessment of this group. The remaining products in this group shall be assessed starting with 4.3.1 again.

This principle also applies to single products that exceed the mass limits of Rule 1.

#### 4.3.4 Rule 3

If the combustible mass of the grouped products exceed the limits stated in Rule 2, one product of the group shall be tested according to the requirements of non-listed products given in 4.5, Table 3.

If this product is compliant to the requirements of Table 3 it shall not be considered for further assessment of this group. The remaining products in this group shall be assessed starting with 4.3.1.

This principle also applies to single products that exceed the mass limits of Rule 2;

- the flow chart given in Figure 1 is modified to be consistent with the text of 4.3;
- 4.4: listed products is now containing 28 requirements;
- in Table 5, requirement R27 is new and applied for EX13 products (new category defined in Table 2);
- in Table 5, requirement R28 is new and applied with 5.3.1.2;
- in Table 5, new requirement is given for EL9 products: R24 or R25 or R26;
- in Table 2, EL10 products are now named « low power electro technical and electronic products »;
- in Table 5, add of footnotes b, c and d;

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- adding of a note below Table 5 to introduce new Annex B;
- in Table 6, modification of standards references as explained in Clause 2, Normative references, in particular:
  - in Table 6, modification of T06.01 to be in accordance with EN 16989;
  - in Table 6, add of T06.02 to be in accordance with EN 16989;
  - in Table 6, add of T06.03 to be in accordance with EN 16989;
  - in Table 6, modification of T11.01 to be in accordance with EN 17084;
  - in Table 6, modification of T11.02 to be in accordance with EN 17084;
  - in Table 6, modification of T12 to be in accordance with EN 17084;
- 5.2.2 modification to be in accordance with EN 16989;
- 5.3.2 modification of the paragraph;
- 5.3.3 adding of this paragraph;
- 5.3.4 adding of this paragraph;
- Annex A is the previous Annex D;
- Annex B is new and presents a product classification guidance;
- **editorial changes due to the revision:**
  - Introduction;
  - European foreword;
  - Annex ZA;
  - Bibliography.

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## **Introduction**

EN 45545-2 has been developed from existing fire safety regulations for railway vehicles from the International Union of Railways (UIC) and different European countries.

In using the operation and design categories defined in EN 45545-1, the requirements laid down in this part take into account the current operating conditions for European public rail transport.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the reaction to fire performance requirements for materials and products used on railway vehicles as defined in EN 45545-1.

The operation and design categories defined in EN 45545-1 are used to establish hazard levels that are used as the basis of a classification system.

For each hazard level, this part specifies the test methods, test conditions and reaction to fire performance requirements.

It is not within the scope of this document to describe measures that ensure the preservation of the vehicles in the event of a fire.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 13238:2010, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Conditioning procedures and general rules for selection of substrates*

EN 13501-1:2018, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 16989:2018, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Fire behaviour test for a complete seat*

EN 17084:2018, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Toxicity test of materials and components*

EN 45545-1:2013, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Part 1: General*

EN 45545-3:2013, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Part 3: Fire resistance requirements for fire barriers*

EN 45545-5:2013+A1:2015, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Part 5: Fire safety requirements for electrical equipment including that of trolley buses, track guided buses and magnetic levitation vehicles*

EN 50264:2008 (series), *Railway applications — Railway rolling stock power and control cables having special fire performance*

**A1** EN 50305:2020, *Railway applications — Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance — Test methods*

EN 50306:2020 (series), *Railway applications — Railway rolling stock cables having special fire performance*

EN 50382:2008 (series),<sup>1</sup> *Railway applications — Railway rolling stock high temperature power cables having special fire performance*

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<sup>1</sup> As impacted by EN 50382:2008/A1:2013.