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## European foreword

This document (EN 12165:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 “Copper and copper alloys”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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In comparison with EN 12165:2016, the following significant technical changes were made:

- a) Introduction in 6.4 of eddy current test parameters;
- b) Introduction of 6.5 Internal inclusion;
- c) Modified the definition of diameter at 6.3.1;
- d) Added a new Figure for straightness at 6.4.4 and modified values in Table 11;
- e) Introduction in the chemical composition Tables of a footnote to explain the meaning of elements for which no upper and lower limits are specified;
- f) CuSi<sub>4</sub>Zn<sub>4</sub>MnP (CW245E) and CuSi<sub>4</sub>Zn<sub>9</sub>MnP (CW246E) added in the new Table 3;
- g) Chemical composition of CuZn<sub>39</sub>Pb<sub>3</sub> (CW614N), CuZn<sub>40</sub>Pb<sub>2</sub> (CW617N), CuZn<sub>35</sub>Pb<sub>1,5</sub>AlAs (CW625N) and CuZn<sub>33</sub>Pb<sub>1,5</sub>AlAs (CW626N) modified in Table 8;
- h) Added a new alloy CuZn<sub>40</sub>Pb<sub>1</sub> (CW627N) in Table 8;
- i) Chemical composition of CuZn<sub>33</sub>Pb<sub>1</sub>AlSiAs (CW725R) modified in Table 9;
- j) Added a new alloy CuZn<sub>36</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>P (CW726R) in Table 9;
- k) Removed Tables of Mechanical properties (old Table 9, Table 10, Table 11, Table 12, Table 13, Table 14, Table 15 and Table 16);
- l) Renamed Table 17 in Table 10, Table 18 in Table 11, Table 19 in Table 12;
- m) Added new Table 13.

This document is one of a series of European Standards for the copper and copper alloy products rod, wire, profile and forgings. Other products are specified as follows:

- EN 12163, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for general purposes*;
- EN 12164, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes*;
- EN 12166, *Copper and copper alloys — Wire for general purposes*;

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- EN 12168, *Copper and copper alloys — Hollow rod for free machining purposes;*
- EN 12420, *Copper and copper alloys — Forgings;*
- EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes;*
- EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors;*
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## Introduction

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57439 Attendorn  
GERMANY

- For CuZn<sub>36</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>P (CW726R) information may be obtained from:

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This document specifies the composition, property requirements and dimensional tolerances for forging stock of copper and copper alloys.

The sampling procedures and the methods of test for verification of conformity to the requirements of this document are also specified.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

EN 1412, *Copper and copper alloys - European numbering system*

EN 1976, *Copper and copper alloys - Cast unwrought copper products*

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

EN 17263, *Copper and copper alloys - Eddy current testing on the outer surface of rods, bars, hollow rods and wires for the detection of defects by encircling test coil*

EN ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials - Brinell hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1)*

EN ISO 6509-1, *Corrosion of metals and alloys - Determination of dezincification resistance of copper alloys with zinc - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6509-1)*

ISO 1190-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Code of designation — Part 1: Designation of materials*