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- a) Document technically and editorially revised;
- b) Updating of Clause 2 “Normative References”;
- c) Revision of chemical composition and steel grades;
- d) Revision of permissible deviations of the product analysis from specified limits on cast analysis;
- e) Revision of mechanical properties;
- f) Revision of minimum proof strength including minimum wall thickness;
- g) Revision of impact properties including minimum requirements;
- h) Revision of fitting dimensions and moving to new Annex A;
- i) Addition of creep rupture strength values;
- j) Revision of inspection and tests;
- k) Revision of pressure factors;
- l) Updating of Annex ZA to follow new EU Directive 2014/68/EU for pressure equipment;
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- *Part 1: Wrought carbon steel for general use and without specific inspection requirements;*
- *Part 2: Non alloy and ferritic alloy steels with specific inspection requirements;*
- *Part 3: Wrought austenitic and austenitic-ferritic (duplex) stainless steels without specific inspection requirements;*
- *Part 4: Wrought austenitic and austenitic-ferritic (duplex) stainless steels with specific inspection requirements.*

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Introduction

In writing this document the competent committee recognized that there are two broad types of products commonly used, and decided to reflect these in the standard by differentiating between two parts.

EN 10253-1 describes fittings without formal reference to the pressure resistance, which are not intended to be used in applications, covered by the Pressure Equipment Directive (2014/68/EU) categories I to IV.

EN 10253-2 defines two types of fittings: Type A fittings have the same wall thickness at the welding ends and at the body of the fitting as a pipe having the same specified wall thickness. Their resistance to internal pressure is, in general, less than that of a straight pipe with the same dimensions. Type B fittings showing increased wall thickness at the body of the fitting are designed to resist the same internal pressure as a straight pipe with same dimensions. These two types of fittings are intended to be used in applications covered by the EU Directive 2014/68/EU. According to this Directive and further interpretation guidelines (e.g. guideline G – 19), seamless fittings are considered as materials whereas welded fittings are considered as components. Therefore, in some areas of this document, provisions for seamless and welded fittings are different.

The selection of steel type and requirement level depend on many factors; the properties of the fluid to be conveyed, the service conditions, the design code and any statutory requirements should all be taken into consideration. Therefore this document gives no detailed guidelines for the application of different fittings. It is the ultimate responsibility of the user to select the appropriate fitting for the intended application.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the technical delivery requirements for seamless and welded butt-welding fittings (elbows, concentric and eccentric reducers, equal and reducing tees, caps) made of carbon and alloy steel in two test-categories which are intended for pressure purposes at room temperature, at low temperature or at elevated temperatures, and for the transmission and distribution of fluids and gases.

It specifies:

- a) type of fittings;
 - type A: Butt-welding fittings with reduced pressure factor;
 - type B: Butt-welding fittings for use at full service pressure;
- b) steel grades and their chemical compositions;
- c) mechanical properties;
- d) dimensions and tolerances;
- e) requirements for inspection and testing;
- f) inspection documents;
- g) marking;
- h) protection and packaging.

NOTE The selection of the appropriate fitting (material, thickness) is the ultimate responsibility of the manufacturer of the pressure equipment (see European Legislation for Pressure Equipment). In the case of a harmonized supporting standard for materials, presumption of conformity to the ESRs is limited to technical data of materials in the standard and does not presume adequacy of the material to a specific item of equipment. Consequently, it is essential that the technical data stated in the material standard be assessed against the design requirements of this specific item of equipment to verify that the ESRs of the PED are satisfied.

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 10020:2000, *Definition and classification of grades of steel*

EN 10021:2006, *General technical delivery conditions for steel products*

EN 10027-1:2016, *Designation systems for steels — Part 1: Steel names*

EN 10027-2:2015, *Designation systems for steels — Part 2: Numerical system*

EN 10028-2:2017, *Flat products made of steels for pressure purposes — Part 2: Non-alloy and alloy steels with specified elevated temperature properties*

EN 10028-3:2017, *Flat products made of steels for pressure purposes — Part 3: Weldable fine grain steels, normalized*