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European foreword

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- harmonization with EN 15154-5;
- addition of informative Annex B “Recommendations regarding environmental impact”.

This document, EN 15154-1, is part of a series of standards on emergency safety showers (see Table 1).

Table 1 — Subject areas covered under the EN 15154 series of standards

Part of EN 15154	Type	Laboratories	Sites other than laboratories	Non plumbed-in	Plumbed-in
1	Body shower	X ^c	-	-	X
2	Eyewash unit	X	X	-	X
3	Body shower	X ^a	X ^a	X ^a	-
4	Eyewash unit	X	X	X	-
5	Body shower	-	X ^c	X ^b	X
6	Body shower	-	X	-	X
<p>^a Non plumbed-in body showers affected by EN 15154-3 are fixed, transportable or portable.</p> <p>^b Non plumbed-in body showers affected by EN 15154-5 are tank showers or trailer-mounted.</p> <p>^c In possible combination with eyewash units.</p>					

NOTE Attention is drawn to national regulations in some European countries, e.g. Germany, which can request to connect emergency safety showers to a water supply.

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Introduction

Plumbed-in body showers used in laboratories are designed and intended to be installed in close range of persons working in a potentially hazardous area exposed to the risks of burning/burns and/or hazardous chemical substances getting splashed onto all or part of the body, despite other risk mitigation measures.

The main purpose of these devices is to deliver immediately a flushing fluid in a volume sufficient to extinguish flames and/or to flush the body following exposure to injurious substances or heat.

Once this is accomplished, the injured person can proceed to medical care.

Emergency safety showers are primarily emergency facilities and not intended for use for personal cleaning or personal hygiene.

Annex A provides recommendations on general settings for shower installations and Annex B provides recommendations regarding environmental impact.

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1 Scope

This document is a product specification, giving performance requirements for emergency safety body showers connected to the water supply. It is applicable to plumbed-in body showers only, located in laboratory facilities.

Requirements are given in respect of the performance, installation, adjustment and marking of the showers as well as installation, operation and maintenance instructions to be given by the manufacturer.

NOTE Attention is drawn to national regulations which might apply in respect of the installation and use of emergency safety showers.

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 15154-2, *Emergency safety showers — Part 2: Plumbed-in eyewash units*

EN ISO 21420, *Protective gloves — General requirements and test methods (ISO 21420)*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org>

3.1

emergency safety shower

device specially designed and intended to deliver a flushing fluid to extinguish flames and to sufficiently wash away contaminants or to dilute them, rendering them harmless

3.2

plumbed-in emergency safety body shower

emergency safety shower that is permanently connected to a continuous water supply and designed to deliver water sufficient to flush the whole body

3.3

safety combination shower

emergency safety shower equipped with an *emergency safety eyewash unit* (3.5) and/or an *additional hand-held shower* (3.4)

3.4

additional hand-held shower

manually-operated spray head fitted to the end of a flexible hose and that can be hand-directed to spray-wash any part of the body