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This document (EN 161:2022+A1:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 58 “Safety and control devices for burners and appliances burning gaseous or liquid fuels”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2025, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2028.

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Introduction

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 13611:2019.

EN 13611:2019 recognizes the safety level specified by CEN/TC 58 and is regarded as a horizontal standard dealing with the safety, construction, performance and testing of controls for burners and appliances burning gaseous and/or liquid fuels.

The general requirements for controls are given in EN 13611:2019, and methods for classification and assessment for new controls and control functions are given in EN 14459:2021 (see Figure 1). EN 126:2012 (see Figure 1) specifies multifunctional controls combining two or more controls and Application Control Functions, one of which is a mechanical control function. The requirements for controls and Application Control Functions are given in the specific control standard (see Figure 1, control functions).

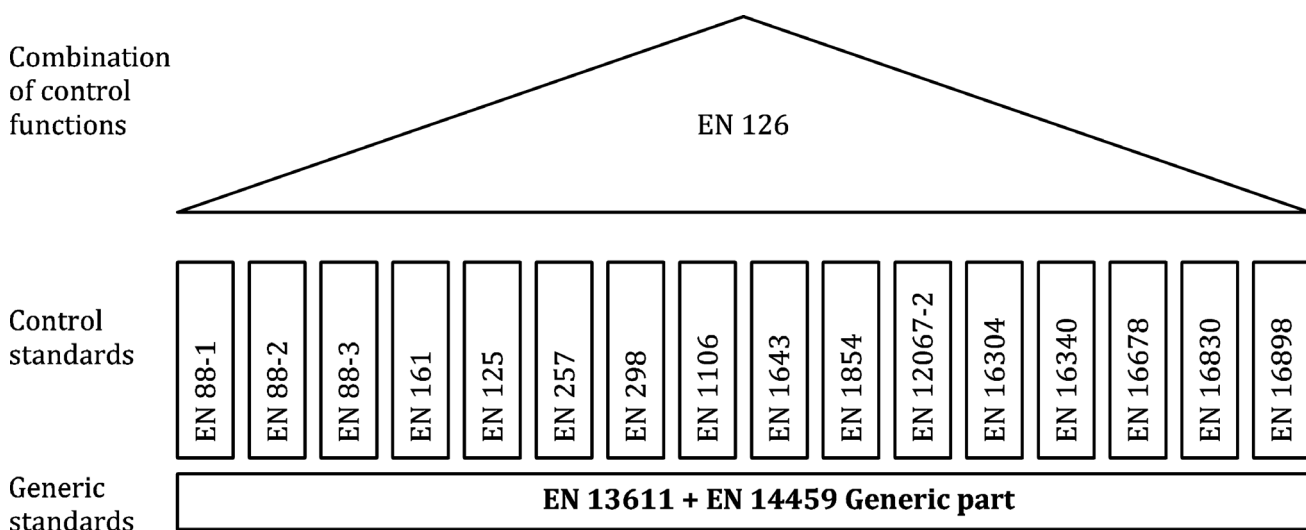


Figure 1 — Interrelation of control standards

EN 13611:2019 should be used in conjunction with the specific standard for a specific type of control (e.g. **A1** EN 88-1:2022+A1:2023 **A1**, **A1** EN 88-2:2022+A1:2024 **A1**, **A1** EN 88-3:2022+A1:2024 **A1**, **A1** EN 125:2022+A1:2024 **A1**, EN 126:2012, EN 161:2022, **A1** EN 257:2022+A1:2023 **A1**, EN 298:2022, **A1** EN 1106:2022+A1:2023 **A1**, EN 1643:2022, **A1** EN 1854:2022+A1:2023 **A1**, EN 12067-2:2022, **A1** EN 16304:2022+A1:2024 **A1**, EN 16340:2014, EN 16678:2022 and **A1** EN 16898:2022+A1:2023 **A1**), or for controls for specific applications.

EN 13611:2019 can also be applied, so far as reasonable, to controls not mentioned in a specific standard and to controls designed on new principles, in which case additional requirements can be necessary. EN 14459:2021 provides methods for classification and assessment of new control principles.

Primarily in industrial applications it is common practice to rate the safety of a plant based on values describing the likelihood of a dangerous failure. These values are being used to determine Safety Integrity Levels or Performance Levels when the system is being assessed in its entirety.

CEN/TC 58 standards for safety relevant controls do go beyond this approach, because for a certain life time for which the product is specified, designed and tested a dangerous failure is not allowed at all. Failure modes are described and assessed in greater detail.

Measures to prevent from dangerous situations are defined. Field experience over many decades is reflected in the CEN/TC 58 standards. Requirements of EN 13611:2019 can be considered as proven in practice.

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This document adds clauses or subclauses to the structure of EN 13611:2019 which are particular to this document. Subclauses which are additional to those in EN 13611:2019 are numbered starting from 101. Additional Annexes are designated as Annex AA, Annex BB, Annex CC etc. It should be noted that these clauses, subclauses and Annexes are not indicated as an addition.

If by reference to EN 13611:2019 the term “control” is given, this term should be read as “valve”.

This document establishes methodologies for the determination of a Performance Level (PL) in accordance with EN 13611:2019, Annexes K and L.

EN 161 compliance for valves cannot be claimed based upon Performance Level (PL) classification according to EN ISO 13849-1:2015 or Safety Integrity Level (SIL) classification according to EN 61508-1:2010.

Valves with PL or SIL classification do not automatically meet the requirements of this document.

Performance Level (PL) classification according to EN ISO 13849-1:2015 or Safety Integrity Level (SIL) classification according to EN 61508-1:2010 cannot be claimed based upon compliance with this standard only.

1 Scope

EN 13611:2019, Clause 1 applies with the following modification and addition:

Modification:

The 1st paragraph of EN 13611:2019, Clause 1 is replaced by:

This document specifies the safety, design, construction, and performance requirements and testing for automatic shut-off valves for burners and appliances burning one or more gaseous fuels, hereafter referred to as “valves”.

This document is applicable to valves with declared maximum inlet pressures up to and including 500 kPa and of nominal connection sizes up to and including DN 250.

Addition:

This document is applicable to:

- electrically actuated valves;
- valves actuated by fluids where the control valves for these fluids are actuated electrically, but not to any external electrical devices for switching the control signal or actuating energy;
- valves where the flow rate is controlled by external electrical signals, either in discrete steps or proportional to the applied signal;
- valves fitted with closed position indicator switches.

An assessment method for valve designs is given by this document.

The 4th paragraph of EN 13611:2019, Clause 1 is removed.

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 30-1-4:2012, *Domestic cooking appliances burning gas — Safety — Part 1-4: Appliances having one or more burners with an automatic burner control system*

EN 298:2022, *Automatic gas burner control systems for gas burners and gas burning appliances with or without fans*

EN 13611:2019¹, *Safety and control devices for burners and appliances burning gaseous and/or liquid fuels — General requirements*

EN 13906-1:2013, *Cylindrical helical springs made from round wire and bar — Calculation and design — Part 1: Compression springs*

EN 13906-2:2013, *Cylindrical helical springs made from round wire and bar — Calculation and design — Part 2: Extension springs*

¹ As impacted by EN 13611:2019/AC:2021.