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European foreword

This document (EN 13445-1:2026) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 54 “Unfired pressure vessels”, 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2026, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2026.

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For the relationship with EU Legislation, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

A list of all parts in the EN 13445 series can be found on the CEN website.

Although these Parts may be obtained separately, it should be recognized that the Parts are interdependent. As such, the manufacture of unfired pressure vessels requires the application of all the relevant Parts in order for the requirements of the Standard to be satisfactorily fulfilled.

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Introduction

EN 13445 specifies the requirements for design, construction, inspection and testing of unfired pressure vessels. It defines terms, definitions and symbols applicable to unfired pressure vessels.

NOTE In EN 13445 the term pressure vessel includes the welded attachments up to and including the nozzle flanges, screwed or welded connections, or the edge to be welded at the first circumferential weld at connecting piping or other elements. The term unfired excludes vessels that are subject to direct generated heat or flame impingement from a fired process. This does not exclude vessels subject to electrical heating or heated process streams.

In Parts 2 to 5 only pressure vessels manufactured from steels and steel castings as detailed in Part 2 of this standard are covered. Parts 6, 8, 10, and 11 specifically deal with vessels of spheroidal graphite cast iron, aluminium, nickel, and titanium, respectively, where special considerations apply.

Part 1

EN 13445-1 contains general information on the scope of the standard as well as terms, definitions, quantities, symbols and units which are applied throughout the standard.

Part 2

EN 13445-2 deals with the general philosophy on materials, material grouping and low temperature behaviour. It is limited to steel with sufficient ductility and, for components operating in the creep range, sufficient creep ductility.

Part 2 also provides the general requirements for establishing technical delivery conditions and the requirements for marking of material.

Part 3

EN 13445-3 gives the rules to be used for design and calculation under internal and/or external pressure (as applicable), local loads and actions other than pressure. The rules provided are both design by formula (DBF), design by analysis (DBA) and design by experiment (DBE).

The part also sets the requirements for when fatigue analysis is performed and the rules to be followed when this is the case.

NOTE Collaborative work is in hand to harmonize flange design across European Standards.

Part 4

EN 13445-4 specifies requirements for the manufacture of unfired pressure vessels and their connections to non-pressure parts. It specifies requirements for material traceability, manufacturing tolerances, welding requirements, requirements for permanent joints other than welding, production tests, forming requirements, heat treatment, repairs and finishing operations.

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Part 5

EN 13445-5 covers all those inspection and testing activities associated with the verification of the pressure vessel for compliance with the standard, including design review by the manufacturer and supporting technical documentation, NDT and other inspection activities including document control, material traceability, joint preparation and welding.

The level of testing is driven by the selection of the vessel testing group. Basically, the testing group determines the level of NDT and the joint coefficient used in the design.

In terms of NDT, the overall philosophy has been the general adoption of EN ISO 5817:2014 quality level 'C' for predominantly non-cyclic loaded vessels and level 'B' for vessels subject to cyclic loadings.

Part 6

EN 13445-6 contains special rules for material, design, fabrication, inspection, and testing of pressure vessels made from spheroidal graphite cast iron. In general the rules in the relevant parts of parts 2–5 apply with additions and exceptions outlined in this part.

Part 7

CEN Technical Report CR 13445-7:2002 has been withdrawn.

Part 8

EN 13445-8 contains special rules for material, design, fabrication, inspection, and testing of pressure vessels made from aluminium and aluminium alloys. In general the rules in the relevant parts of parts 2–5 apply with additions and exceptions outlined in this part.

Part 9

CEN/TR 13445-9 details the conformance of the whole EN 13445 series to ISO 16528-1 "Boilers and pressure vessels — Part 1: Performance requirements". This is a CEN Technical Report. The first edition and second editions are limited to vessels of steel construction, but will be amended later to include spheroidal graphite cast iron, aluminium, nickel and titanium.

Part 10

EN 13445-10 contains special rules for material, design, fabrication, inspection, and testing of pressure vessels made from nickel and nickel alloys. In general, the rules in the relevant parts of parts 2–5 apply with additions and exceptions outlined in this part.

Part 11

EN 13445-11 contains special rules for material, design, fabrication, inspection, and testing of pressure vessels made from titanium and titanium alloys. In general, the rules in the relevant parts of parts 2–5 apply with additions and exceptions outlined in this part.

1 Scope

This document defines the terms, definitions, quantities, symbols and units that are used throughout the EN 13445 series and gives general information on the design and manufacturing of vessels under this standard.

It also contains instructions on how to use the standard (Annex A) as well as an index which covers the whole standard (Annex B). This information is aimed to aid users of the EN 13445 series.

This document applies to unfired pressure vessels with a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0,5 bar gauge but may be used for vessels operating at lower pressures, including vacuum.

This document is not applicable to pressure vessels of the following types:

- vessels of riveted construction;
- vessels of lamellar cast iron or any other materials not included in Parts 2, 6, or 8 of the standard;
- multilayered, autofrettaged or pre-stressed vessels.

This document can be applied to the following pressure vessels, provided that account is taken of additional and/or alternative requirements resulting from the hazard analysis and from rules or instructions specific for:

- transportable vessels;
- items specifically designed for nuclear use;
- pressure vessels with a risk of overheating.

NOTE EN 14222 covers electrically fired boilers made from stainless steel and can be used as an example of additional requirements for such vessels.

Other European Standards apply to industrial piping (EN 13480 series) and to water tube and shell boilers (EN 12952 series and EN 12953 series).

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 764-1:2015+A1:2016, *Pressure equipment — Part 1: Vocabulary*

EN 764-2:2012, *Pressure equipment — Part 2: Quantities, symbols and units*

EN 13445-2:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 2: Materials*

EN 13445-3:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 3: Design*