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**EN 15377-1:2008 (E)****Foreword**

This document (EN 15377-1:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 228 "Heating systems in buildings", the secretariat of which is held by DS.

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The subjects covered by CEN/TC 228 are the following:

- design of heating systems (water based, electrical, etc.);
- installation of heating systems;
- commissioning of heating systems;
- instructions for operation, maintenance and use of heating systems;
- methods for calculation of the design heat loss and heat loads;
- methods for calculation of the energy performance of heating systems;
- methods for design and dimensioning of embedded water based surface heating and cooling systems.

Heating systems also include the effect of attached systems such as hot water production systems.

All these standards are systems standards, i.e. they are based on requirements addressed to the system as a whole and not dealing with requirements to the products within the system.

Where possible, reference is made to other European or International Standards, a.o. product standards. However, use of products complying with relevant product standards is no guarantee of compliance with the system requirements.

The requirements are mainly expressed as functional requirements, i.e. requirements dealing with the function of the system and not specifying shape, material, dimensions or the like.

The guidelines describe ways to meet the requirements, but other ways to fulfil the functional requirements might be used if fulfilment can be proved.

Heating systems differ among the member countries due to climate, traditions and national regulations. In some cases requirements are given as classes so national or individual needs may be accommodated.

In cases where the standards contradict with national regulations, the latter should be followed.

EN 15377 *Heating systems in buildings — Design of embedded water based surface heating and cooling systems* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Determination of the design heating and cooling capacity;*

- *Part 2: Design, dimensioning and installation;*
- *Part 3: Optimizing for use of renewable energy sources.*

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## Introduction

The determination of thermal performance of water based surface heating and cooling systems and their conformity to this standard is carried out by calculation in accordance with design documents and a model. In the case of special constructions and if necessary, the determination of thermal performance by calculation is combined with a test method according to EN 1264.

This standard specifies procedures and conditions to enable the heat flow in water based surface heating and cooling systems to be determined relative to the medium differential temperature for systems. This should enable a uniform assessment and calculation of water based surface heating and cooling systems.

The surface temperature and the temperature uniformity of the heated/cooled surface, nominal heat flow intensity between water and space, the associated nominal medium differential temperature and the field of characteristic curves for the relationship between heat flow intensity and the determining variables are given as the result.

This standard includes several methods like general Finite Difference or Finite Element Methods, simplified calculation methods depending on position of pipes and type of building structure. The simplified calculation methods are specific for the type of system. For systems which are calculable in accordance with EN 1264, the standard refers to EN 1264-2 and -5. The simplified methods include certain boundary conditions which need to be met before the given method is applied.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to water based surface heating and cooling systems in residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

The methods apply to systems integrated into the wall, floor or ceiling construction without any open air gaps.

The methods do not apply to heated or chilled ceiling panels or beams.

This European Standard provides steady-state calculation methods for determination of the heating and cooling capacity (part 1).

This European Standard estimates an equivalent system resistance to be used in dynamic building simulation programs.

This European Standard applies also, as appropriate, to the use of other fluids instead of water.

A separate standard provides a method for design, dimensioning and installation of the system (part 2).

This European Standard is not applicable for testing or certification of systems.

A separate standard provides a method and guidance on how to optimise the design for use of renewable energy sources and take system dynamic effects into account (part 3).

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## 2 Normative references (standards.iteh.ai)

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1264-1, *Floor heating — Systems and components — Part 1: Definitions and symbols*

prEN 1264-2, *Water based surface embedded heating and cooling systems — Part 2: Floor heating: Prove methods for the determination of the thermal output using calculation and test methods*

prEN 1264-3, *Water based surface embedded heating and cooling systems — Part 3: Dimensioning*

prEN 1264-4, *Water based surface embedded heating and cooling systems — Part 4: Installation*

prEN 1264-5, *Water based surface embedded heating and cooling systems — Part 5: Heating and cooling surfaces embedded in floors, ceilings and walls — Determination of the thermal output*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 Embedded surface heating and cooling system

#### 3.1.1

##### **embedded surface heating and cooling system**

system that consists of circuits of pipes embedded in floor, wall or ceiling construction, distributors and control equipment

**EN 15377-1:2008 (E)****3.1.2****floor (wall, ceiling) heating and cooling system, water based**

embedded surface heating and cooling system where pipes carrying water with or without additives as a medium are laid in the floor (wall, ceiling)

**3.1.3****circuit**

section of an embedded surface heating/cooling system connected to a distributor which can be independently switched and controlled

**3.1.4****distributor**

common connection point for several circuits

**3.1.5****open air gap**

air gap in the floor, wall, ceiling construction, where air exchange with space or outside may occur

**3.2 Design parameters****3.2.1****design heat load ( $Q_{N,h}$ )**

required heat flow necessary to achieve the specified design conditions at the outside winter design conditions

NOTE When calculating the value of the design heat load, the heat flow from embedded heating systems into neighbour rooms is not taken into account.

**3.2.2****design heating capacity ( $Q_{H,h}$ )**

thermal output at design conditions of a surface heated room

**3.2.3****design cooling load ( $Q_{N,c}$ )**

required heat flow necessary to achieve the specified design conditions at the outside summer design conditions

**3.2.4****design cooling capacity ( $Q_{H,c}$ )**

thermal output at design conditions of a surface cooled room

**3.2.5****heating/cooling capacity for circuit ( $Q_{HC}$ )**

heat exchange between a pipe circuit and the conditioned room

**3.2.6****design heating/cooling medium flow rate ( $m_H$ )**

mass flow rate in a circuit which is needed to achieve the design heat flow intensity

**3.2.7****design indoor temperature ( $\theta_i$ )**

operative temperature at the centre of the conditioned space used for calculation of the design load and capacity

NOTE The operative temperature is considered as relevant for thermal comfort assessment and heat loss calculations. This value of internal temperature is used for the calculation method.

**3.2.8****heating or cooling surface area ( $A_r$ )**

area of surface (floor, wall, ceiling) covered by the embedded surface heating/cooling system between the pipes at the outer edges of the system with the addition of a strip at each edge of width equal to half the pipe spacing, but not exceeding 0,15 m

**3.2.9****non-active area**

area of the surface not covered by the embedded surface heating/cooling system

**3.2.10****peripheral area**

surface area which is heated or cooled to a higher or lower temperature and which is an unoccupied area generally of maximum 1 m width along exterior walls

**3.2.11****occupied zone**

part of the conditioned zone in which persons normally reside and where requirements as to the internal environment are to be satisfied

NOTE Normally the zone between the floor and 1,8 m above the floor and 1,0 m from external walls/windows and 0,5 m from internal walls.

**3.2.12****surface heating and cooling components**

components for surface heating and cooling comprising:

- insulating layer (for thermal and/or impact noise insulation);
- the protection layer (to protect the insulating layer);
- the pipes or plane sections;
- the load and thermal distribution layer, where pipes are embedded;
- covering;
- other items such as conducting devices, peripheral strips, attachment items etc.

NOTE Components can differ depending on the system.

**3.3 Thermal capacity****3.3.1****heat flow intensity ( $q$ )**

heat flow between the space and surface divided by the heated/cooled surface

**3.3.2****limit heat flow intensity ( $q_G$ )**

heat flow intensity at which the maximum or minimum permissible surface temperature is achieved

**3.3.3****nominal heat flow intensity ( $q_N$ )**

limit heat flow intensity achieved without surface covering

**EN 15377-1:2008 (E)****3.3.4****design heat flow intensity ( $q_{des}$ )**

heat flow divided by the heating or cooling surface, taking into account the surface temperature required to reach the design thermal capacity of a surface heated or cooled space,  $Q_H$ , reduced by the thermal capacity of any supplementary heating or cooling equipment, if applicable

**3.3.5****outward heat flow intensity ( $q_U$ )**

heat flow which is exchanged through the construction with unconditioned spaces, another building entity, the ground or outdoor air

**3.3.6****thermal output of surface system ( $Q_F$ )**

sum of the products of the heating or cooled surfaces of a space with the associated design heat flow densities

**3.3.7****heat transfer coefficient ( $h_t$ )**

combined convective and radiant heat transfer coefficient between the heated or cooled surface and the space operative temperature (design indoor temperature)

**3.4 Surface temperatures****3.4.1****maximum surface temperature ( $\theta_{s,max}$ )**

maximum temperature permissible for physiological reasons or building physics reasons, for calculation of the limit curves, which may occur at a point on the surface (floor, wall, ceiling) in the occupied or peripheral area depending on the particular usage at a temperature drop  $\sigma$  of the heating medium equal to 0

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**3.4.2****average surface temperature ( $\theta_{s,m}$ )**

average value of all surface temperatures in the occupied or peripheral area

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**3.4.3****mean surface temperature difference**

difference between the average surface temperature  $\theta_{s,m}$  and the design indoor temperature  $\theta_i$

NOTE The mean surface temperature difference determines the heat flow intensity.

**3.4.4****minimum surface temperature ( $\theta_{s,min}$ )**

minimum temperature permissible for physiological reasons or building physics reasons, for calculation of the limit curves, which may occur at a point on the surface (floor, wall, ceiling) in the occupied or peripheral area depending on the particular usage at a temperature drop  $\sigma$  of the heating medium equal to 0

**3.5 Temperatures of the heating/cooling medium****3.5.1****heating/cooling medium differential temperature ( $\Delta\theta_H$ )**

logarithmical determined average difference between the temperatures of the heating/cooling medium and the design indoor temperature:

$$\Delta\theta_H = \frac{|\theta_V - \theta_R|}{\ln \frac{|\theta_V - \theta_i|}{|\theta_R - \theta_i|}} \quad (\text{K}) \quad (1)$$

**3.5.2****nominal heating/cooling medium differential temperature ( $\Delta\theta_N$ )**absolute temperature difference at nominal heat flow intensity  $q_N$ **3.5.3****design heating/cooling medium differential temperature ( $\Delta\theta_{H,des}$ )**

temperature difference at design heat flow intensity

**3.5.4****temperature of the heating/cooling medium ( $\theta_m$ )**

average temperature between the supply and the return temperature defined as:

$$\theta_m = \theta_i + \Delta\theta_H = \theta_i + \frac{|\theta_V - \theta_R|}{\ln \frac{|\theta_V - \theta_i|}{|\theta_R - \theta_i|}} \quad (^\circ\text{C}) \quad (2)$$

**3.5.5****temperature drop ( $\sigma$ )**

difference between the supply and return temperature of the heating/cooling medium in a circuit

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curve or formula reflecting the relationship between the heat flow intensity and the mean surface temperature difference

NOTE The basic characteristic curve is dependent on heating/cooling and surface (floor/wall/ceiling) but not on the type of embedded system.

**3.6.2****family of characteristic curves**curves denoting the system-specific relationship between the heat flow intensity  $q$  and the required heating medium differential temperature  $\Delta\theta_H$  for conduction resistance of various floor coverings**3.6.3****limit curves**

curves in the field of characteristic curves showing the pattern of the limit heat flow intensity depending on the heating medium differential temperature and the floor covering

**3.6.4****limit heating medium differential temperature ( $\Delta\theta_{H,G}$ )**

differential temperature determined by the intersection of the system characteristic curve with the limit curve

## 4 Symbols and units

For the purposes of this standard, the symbols and units in Table 1 apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols and units**

Symbol	Unit	Quantity
$a_i$	-	Parameter factors for calculation of characteristic curves
$A_A$	m <sup>2</sup>	Surface of the occupied area
$A_F$	m <sup>2</sup>	Surface of the heating/cooling surface area
$A_R$	m <sup>2</sup>	Surface of the peripheral area
$b_u$	-	Calculation factor depending on the pipe spacing
$B, B_G, B_0$	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	Coefficients depending on the system
$c_W$	kJ/(kg·K)	Specific heat capacity of water
$h_t$	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	Total heat transfer coefficient (convection + radiation) between surface and space
$L_R$	m	Length of installed pipes
$m_i$	-	Exponents for determination of characteristic curves
$m_H$	kg/s	Design heating/cooling medium flow rate
$n, n_G$	-	Exponents
$q$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Heat flow intensity at the surface
$q_A$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Heat flow intensity in the occupied area
$q_{des}$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Design heat flow intensity
$q_G$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Limit heat flow intensity
$q_N$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Nominal heat flow intensity
$q_R$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Heat flow intensity in the peripheral area
$q_u$	W/m <sup>2</sup>	Outward heat flow intensity
$Q_s$	W	Thermal output of surface heating-cooling
$Q_H$	W	Design capacity
$Q_N$	W	Design heat load
$Q_{N,f}$	W	Design heat load of surface heated room
$Q_{out}$	W	Heat output of supplementary heating equipment
$R_i$	m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W	Partial inwards heat transmission resistance of surface structure
$R_e$	m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W	Partial external heat transmission resistance of surface structure
$R_{\lambda,B}$	m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W	Thermal resistance of surface covering
$R_{\lambda,ins}$	m <sup>2</sup> ·K/W	Thermal resistance of thermal insulation

Table 1 — Symbols and units

Symbol	Unit	Quantity
$s_h$	m	For type B systems, thickness of thermal insulation from the outward edge of the insulation to the inward edge of the pipes (see Figure 2)
$s_l$	m	For type B systems, thickness of thermal insulation from the outward edge of the insulation to the outward edge of the pipes (see Figure 2)
$s_R$	m	Pipe wall thickness
$s_u$	m	Thickness of the layer inward from the pipe
$s_{WL}$	m	Thickness of heat conducting device
$S$	m	Thickness of the screed (excluding the pipes in type A systems)
$T$	m	Pipe spacing
$U$	W/m <sup>2</sup> K	Heat transfer coefficient between a conductive layer and a space
$\alpha$	W/(m <sup>2</sup> ·K)	Convective heat exchange coefficient
$\theta_{s,m}$	°C	Average surface temperature
$\theta_{s,max}$	°C	Maximum surface temperature
$\theta_{s,min}$	°C	Minimum surface temperature
$\theta$	°C	Design indoor temperature
$\theta_m$	°C	Temperature of the heating/cooling medium
$\theta_R$	°C	Return temperature of heating/cooling medium
$\theta_V$	°C	Supply temperature of heating/cooling medium
$\theta_u$	°C	Indoor temperature in an adjacent space
$\Delta\theta_H$	K	Heating/cooling medium differential temperature
$\Delta\theta_{H,des}$	K	Design heating/cooling medium differential temperature
$\Delta\theta_{H,G}$	K	Limit of heating/cooling medium differential temperature
$\Delta\theta_N$	K	Nominal heating/cooling medium differential temperature
$\Delta\theta_V$	K	Heating/cooling medium differential supply temperature
$\Delta\theta_{V,des}$	K	Design heating/cooling medium differential supply temperature
$\lambda$	W/(m·K)	Thermal conductivity
$\sigma$	K	Temperature drop $\theta_V - \theta_R$