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EN 16261-3:2012 (E)**Foreword**

This document (EN 16261-3:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 212 "Pyrotechnic articles", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 16261 is divided into the following parts:

- EN 16261-1, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, category 4 — Part 1: Terminology;*
- EN 16261-2, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, category 4 — Part 2: Requirements;*
- EN 16261-3, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, category 4 — Part 3: Test methods;*
- EN 16261-4, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, category 4 — Part 4: Minimum labelling requirements and instructions for use.*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies test methods for fireworks of category 4.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 16261-1:2012, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Category 4 — Part 1: Terminology*

EN 16261-2:2013, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Category 4 — Part 2: Requirements*

EN 61672-1, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications (IEC 61672-1)*

ISO 3599, *Vernier callipers reading to 0,1 and 0,05 mm*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16261-1:2012 apply.

4 Test environment for functioning test

4.1 General

A large unobstructed area, which shall be wide open. The measuring points shall be positioned appropriately for the type of measurement being carried out.

For aquatic fireworks, a water test area shall be available for testing the resistance to moisture and functioning in the expected manner.

4.2 Wind measurement

The wind speed at a height of 1,50 m above the ground shall be measured and recorded using a wind speed meter (see 5.5). No performance testing shall be carried out if the wind speed exceeds 5,0 m/s.

5 Apparatus

Any equivalent apparatus with the same accuracy or better may be used.

5.1 Timing device.

Timing device, capable of being read to the nearest 0,1 s.

5.2 Calliper.

Calliper, flat faced vernier calliper reading to 0,1 mm, conforming to ISO 3599.

5.3 Ruler.

Ruler, with a scale resolution of 1,0 mm or better.

EN 16261-3:2012 (E)**5.4 Measuring tape.**

Measuring tape, with a scale resolution of 10 mm or better.

5.5 Wind speed meter.

The wind speed meter should accurate to at least 0,5 m/s.

5.6 Balance.

Balance, with an accuracy of $\pm 0,01$ g or better.

5.7 Temperature chamber.

5.7.1 Up to $(50 \pm 2,5)$ °C.

5.7.2 Up to $(75 \pm 2,5)$ °C.

5.8 Sound level meter.

Sound level meter of class 1 conform to EN 61672-1 with a free-field microphone.

5.9 Shock apparatus.

The apparatus shall provide a deceleration of 490 m/s^2 ($-50/+100$) m/s^2 (when measured at the centre of an unloaded platform) and the shock impulse duration (time elapsed from the starting of the machine's deceleration to the time in which the deceleration reaches its maximum value during each first shock pulse) shall be $2 \text{ ms} \pm 1 \text{ ms}$ working at a frequency of $1 \text{ Hz} \pm 0,1 \text{ Hz}$.

An example of an apparatus is shown in Annex A. [SIST EN 16261-3:2013](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/5f6d8f8a-2aa7-42ae-9e89-7a71a7dc234f/sist-en-16261-3-2013)

5.10 Devices for measuring heights.

Heights shall be measured using universal surveying instruments (USI) such as theodolites, electronic spirit levels or video (visible and/or infrared) systems.

Examples of measuring methods and the calculation of the height are given in Annex B.

5.11 Goniometer.

Goniometer reading to 1° or better.

5.12 Mortar.

The rising height of shells depends particularly on the clearance of the shell in the mortar (ratio of the maximum cross section area of the shell (A_{shell}) to the inner cross section area of the mortar (A_{mortar})), also designated as " Q ". Q is the ratio of the outer diameter of the shell ($d_{\text{o,shell}}$, including the fuse to the lifting charge) squared over the inner diameter of the mortar ($d_{\text{i,mortar}}$) squared. The outer diameter of the shell shall be measured horizontally at the place of largest diameter including the fuse to the lifting charge. The following conditions shall be achieved:

$$0,9 \leq Q = \frac{A_{\text{shell}}}{A_{\text{mortar}}} = \frac{d_{\text{o,shell}}^2}{d_{\text{i,mortar}}^2} \leq 0,98$$

$$\sqrt{1,02 \cdot d_{o,shell}^2} \leq d_{i,mortar} \leq \sqrt{1,1 \cdot d_{o,shell}^2}$$

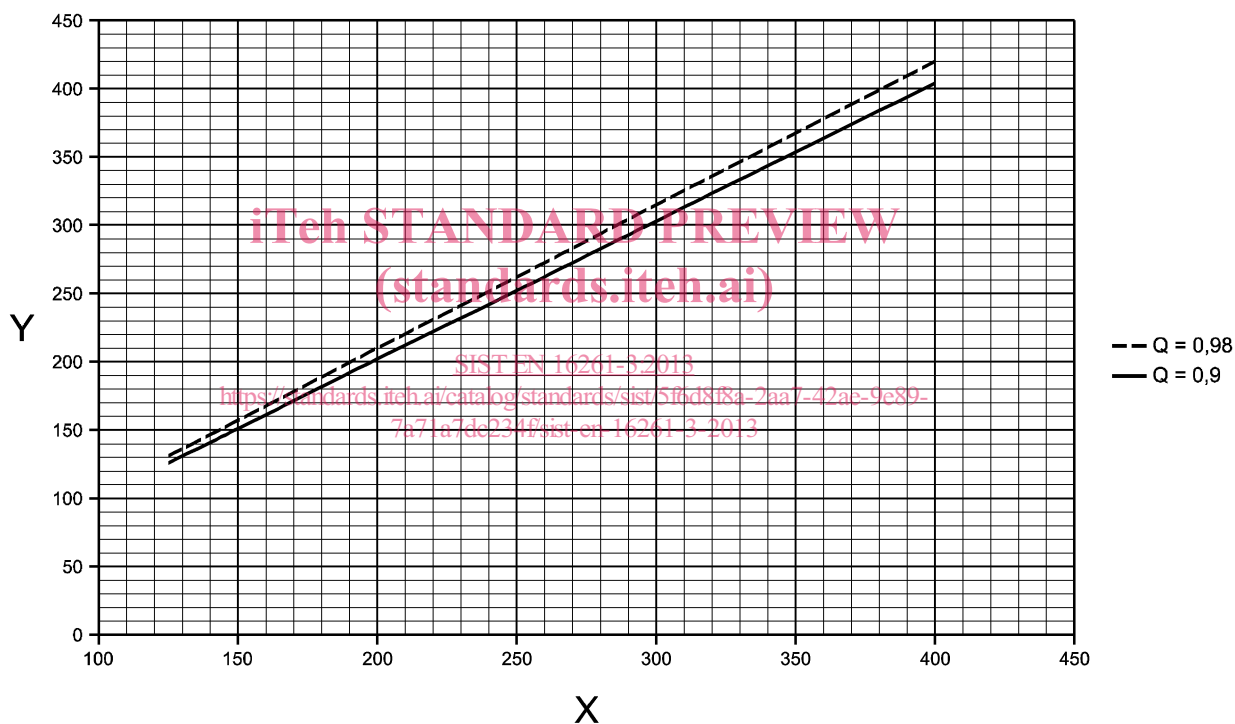
For calibre ≤ 100 mm, a wider tolerance can be accepted. The following conditions shall be achieved:

$$0,83 \leq Q_{\leq 100}^* \leq 0,98$$

$$\sqrt{1,02 \cdot d_{o,shell}^2} \leq d_{i,mortar}^* \leq \sqrt{1,2 \cdot d_{o,shell}^2}$$

Another determining factor influencing the rising height is the length of the mortar (l_{mortar}) – length from the mortar muzzle to the mortar ground.

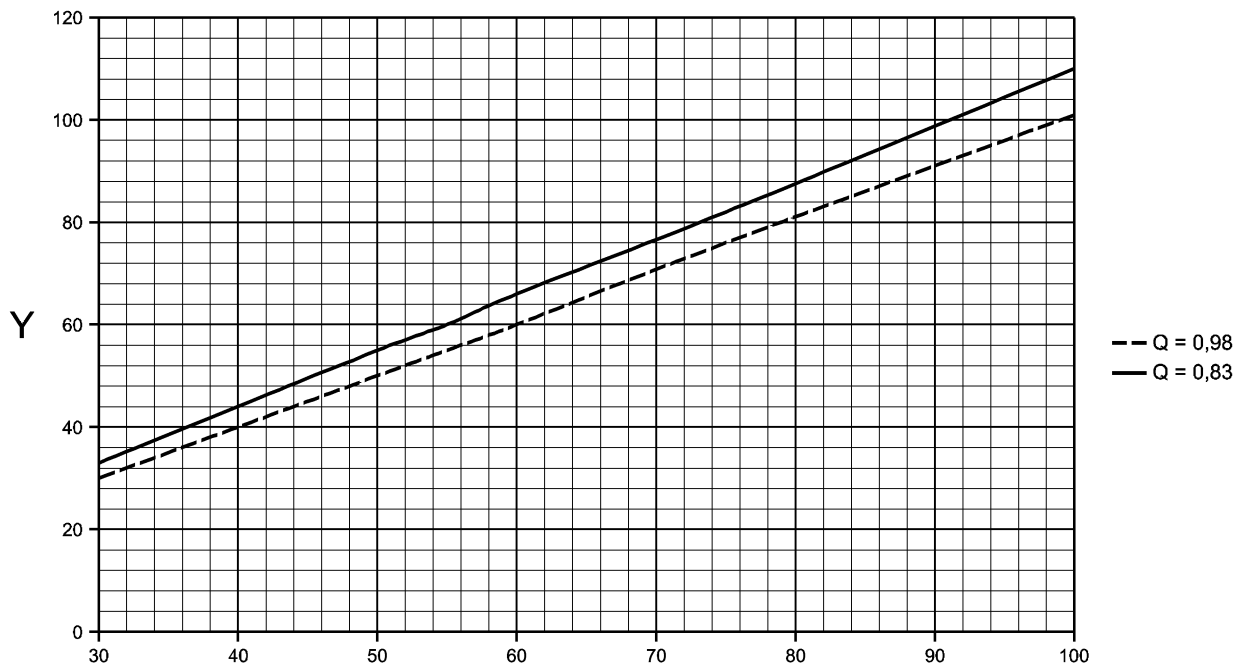
The dimensions of the mortar may also be determined from Figures 1, 2 and 3.



Key

- X calibre of the shell (mm)
- Y internal diameter of the mortar (mm)

Figure 1 — Dimensions of the mortars for spherical shells – Calibre above 100 mm



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X calibre of the shell (mm)

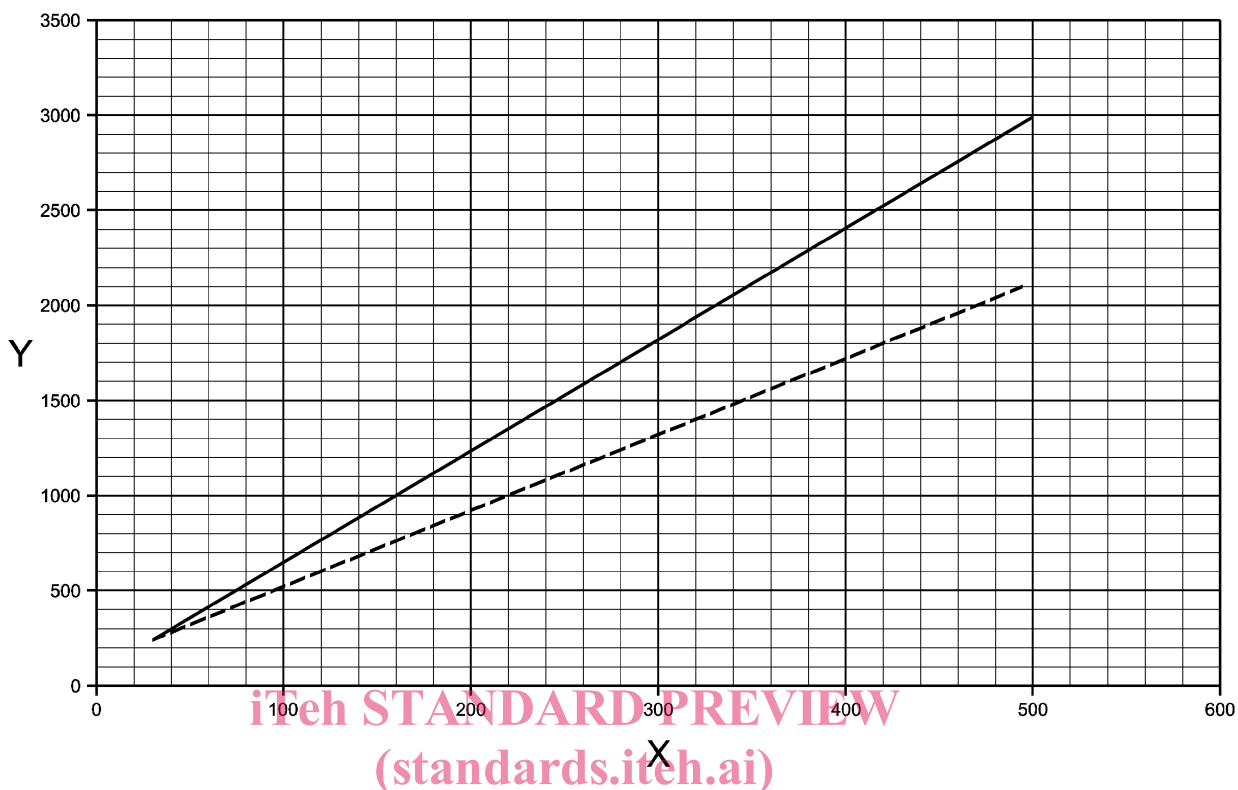
Y internal diameter of the mortar (mm)

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Figure 2 — Dimensions of the mortars for spherical shells – Calibre up to 100 mm

**Key**

X calibre of the shell (mm)

Y inside length of the mortar (mm)

— $l_{\text{mortar}} = 6 X d_n + 70$

- - - $l_{\text{mortar}} = 4 X d_n + 120$

$4 X d_n + 120 \leq l_{\text{mortar}} \text{ (mm)} \leq 6 X d_n + 70$

d_n nominal calibre

Figure 3 — Range of the mortar length for spherical shells

6 Test methods

NOTE Any equivalent method with the same sensitivity and the same accuracy or better might be used.

6.1 Construction and stability

6.1.1 Outer dimension of item

6.1.1.1 Apparatus

— Ruler (see 5.3).

6.1.1.2 Procedure

Use the ruler to measure the outer dimensions of the tested article to the nearest of 1,0 mm and record the results.