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- Part 1: *Mechanical and physical properties*
- Part 2: *Flammability*
- Part 3: *Migration of certain elements*
- Part 4: *Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities*
- Part 5: *Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets*
- Part 7: *Finger paints – Requirements and test methods*
- Part 8: *Swings, slides and similar activity toys for indoor and outdoor family domestic use*
- Part 9: *Organic chemical compounds – Requirements*
- Part 10: *Organic chemical compounds – Sample preparation and extraction*
- Part 11: *Organic chemical compounds – Methods of analysis*

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Introduction

The European Standards aim at reducing as far as possible those risks which are not evident to users; they do not cover inherent dangers (e.g. instability of A_{12} two-wheeled scooters A_{12} , sharp needles in a sewing kit etc.) that are obvious to children or the persons in charge of them. Assuming that the toys are used in the manner for which they are intended, they should not present any further risk to children for whom they are intended. Allowance should also be made for normal or foreseeable use, bearing in mind the normal behaviour of children who do not generally share the same degree of care as the average adult user.

As a general rule, toys are designed and manufactured for particular ages of children. Their characteristics are related to the age and stage of development of the children, and their use presupposes certain aptitudes.

Accidents are frequently due to a toy either being given to a child for whom it is not intended, or being used for a purpose other than that for which it was designed. Great care should therefore be taken when choosing a toy or game; account should be taken of the mental and physical development of the child who will be using it.

The requirements of this European Standard do not release parents or carers from their responsibility of watching over the child while he or she is playing.

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
This European Standard specifies requirements and methods of tests for mechanical and physical properties of toys.

This European Standard applies to toys for children, toys being any product or material designed or clearly intended for use in play by children of less than 14 years. It refers to new toys taking into account the period of foreseeable and normal use, and that the toys are used as intended or in a foreseeable way, bearing in mind the normal behaviour of children.

It includes specific requirements for toys intended for children under 36 months and for children who are too young to sit up unaided. For the purpose of this European Standard, *soft-filled* toys with simple features intended for holding and cuddling are considered as toys intended for children under 36 months.

This European Standard also specifies requirements for *packaging*, marking and labelling.

This European Standard does not cover musical instruments, sports equipment or similar items but does include their toy counterparts.

This European Standard does not cover electrical safety aspects of toys. These are covered by  EN 62115, Electric toys - Safety .

Furthermore, it does not cover the following items which, for the purpose of this European Standard, are not considered as toys:

- Christmas decorations (see A.2);
- detailed scale models for adult collectors (see A.2);
- equipment intended to be used collectively in playgrounds;
- sports equipment;
- aquatic equipment intended to be used in deep water;
- folk dolls and decorative dolls and other similar articles for adult collectors;
- "professional" toys installed in public places (shopping centres, stations etc.) (see A.2);
- puzzles with more than 500 pieces or without picture, intended for specialists;
- air guns and air pistols (see A.2);
- fireworks, including percussion caps except percussion caps specifically designed for toys;
- slings and catapults (see A.2);
- sets of darts with metallic points;
- electric ovens, irons or other functional products operated at a nominal voltage exceeding 24 V;
- products containing heating elements intended for use under the supervision of an adult in a teaching context;
- vehicles with combustion engines (see A.2);
- toy steam engines;
- bicycles designed for sport or for travel on the public highway;
- video toys that can be connected to a video screen, operated at a nominal voltage exceeding 24V;
- babies' dummies (soothers);
- faithful reproductions of real fire arms;
- fashion jewellery for children (see A.2).

Also, for the purpose of this European Standard, the following items are not considered as toys:

- flotation aids such as arm bands and swim seats (see A.23);
- swimming goggles, sunglasses and other eye protectors as well as bicycle and skateboard helmets (see A.19);
- items that are propelled into free flight by a child releasing an elastic band (e.g. aeroplanes and rockets). These are considered as catapults (see 11th indent above);
- bows for archery with an overall relaxed length exceeding 120 cm.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European Standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

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
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EN ISO 11204, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Measurement of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions — Method requiring environmental corrections (ISO 11204:1995)*

ISO 4593, *Plastics — Film and sheeting — Determination of thickness by mechanical scanning*

ISO 7619-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of indentation hardness — Part 2: IRHD pocket meter method*

 IEC 60318-5, *Electroacoustics – Simulators of human head and ear – Part 5: 2 cm³ coupler for the measurement of hearing aids and earphones coupled to the ear by means of ear inserts *

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

accessible

contactable under the test conditions of 8.10 (accessibility of a part or component)

3.2

aquatic toy

article, whether inflatable or not, intended to bear the mass of a child and used as an instrument of play in shallow water

EN 71-1:2005+A14:2011 (E)**3.3****backing**

material adhering to flexible *plastic sheeting*

3.4**ball**

^{A5} spherical, ovoid, or ellipsoidal object, usually but not always, designed or intended to be thrown, hit, kicked, rolled, dropped or bounced

The term *ball* also includes any multisided object formed by at least 48 connecting planes into a generally spherical, ovoid or ellipsoidal shape ^{A5}

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3.5**burr**

roughness, caused by not cleanly severing or finishing the material

3.6**close-to-the-ear toy**

toy that is clearly designed to emit sound, intended to be used close to the ear, i.e. a hypothetical position, normally 2,5 cm from the nearest sound emitting part of the toy that can be put against the ear of a child (e.g. telephones that ring or beep in the ear piece and toys with earphones)

3.7**collapse**

sudden or unexpected folding of a structure

^{A10} **3.8****cord**

length of flexible textile or non-textile material including *elastic material*, monofilament polymeric material, *tape*, *ribbon*, rope, *strap*, woven and twisted material and string as well as certain weak and long *springs*

NOTE *Electrical cables* in toys are not considered to be *cords*. ^{A10}

3.9**crack**

fracture of a material to the full thickness of the material

3.10**crushing**

injury to part of the body resulting from compression between two surfaces

3.11**driving mechanism**

assembly of linked parts of a toy, at least one of which moves and is driven either electrically, by clockwork or by other mechanical means and including gears, belts and winding mechanisms

3.12**edge**

line formed at the junction of two surfaces, the length of which exceeds 2,0 mm



3.13**expanding material**

material, the volume of which expands when the material is exposed to water

3.14**fastening**

mechanical device which attaches two or more components of a toy together (e.g. a screw)

3.15**filling**

material intended to be wholly contained within a *soft-filled* toy  or within *soft-filled* parts of a toy 

3.16**free-wheeling toy bicycle**

two-wheeled vehicle, with or without stabilisers, with a *maximum saddle height* of 435 mm or less and which is propelled solely by the muscular energy of the person on that vehicle, in particular by means of pedals, and which does not have a fixed transmitted drive

3.17**functional edge or point**

edge or *point* which is essential for the functioning of a toy (e.g. microscope slides, electrical conductors, needles)

3.18**functional toy**

toy which performs and is used in the same way as an appliance or an installation intended for adults and is often a scale model of a certain product (e.g. a stove with heating properties)

3.19**fuzz**

bits of fibrous type material that can be readily removed from toys with a pile surface

3.20**hand-held toy**

toy that is clearly designed to emit sound, intended to be held in the hand (e.g. clicking toys, toy *tools*, musical toys and cap-firing toys) but excluding *close-to-the-ear* toys and child-actuated toys as well as mouth-actuated toys

3.21**hinge line**

line along or parallel to the line projected through the axis of rotation as shown in Figure 1

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