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Foreword

This document (EN 16473:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 158 “Head protection”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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The purpose of this European Standard is to provide minimum performance requirements for helmets designed for use for technical rescue operations and associated activities by for example firefighters, rescue and medical personnel as described in the scope. Consequently, the protective helmet should be comfortable, light and commensurate with the risks to which the rescue personnel may be exposed in order to be effective.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the minimum requirements for technical rescue helmets. These helmets are intended to protect the upper head mainly against the effects of mechanical hazards such as impact and penetration, flame, electrical and chemical hazards while conducting technical rescue and associated activities.

Technical rescues involve the environments and conditions associated with operational scenarios such as but not limited to those found during road traffic collisions, railway incidents and when working in and around collapsed structures, often for extended periods of time, after natural disasters (flood, earthquake, etc.).

Requirements for marking and information to be supplied by the manufacturer are included.

Helmets for use while firefighting in buildings and other structures or in wildland firefighting environments, are not covered by this European Standard see EN 443 and EN 16471.

Helmets for use in water rescue operations using craft, such as boats, canoes etc., are also not covered by this European Standard.

Protection of the face and eyes, when not provided by visors, ears and neck might require additional items of personal protective equipment (PPE), which are not covered by this European Standard.

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 168:2001, *Personal eye-protection - Non-optical test methods*

EN 960:2006, *Headforms for use in the testing of protective helmets*

EN 1811, *Reference test method for release of nickel from all post assemblies which are inserted into pierced parts of the human body and articles intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin*

EN 13087-1:2000, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 1: Conditions and conditioning*

EN 13087-2, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 2: Shock absorption*

EN 13087-3:2000, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 3: Resistance to penetration*

EN 13087-4, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 4: Retention system effectiveness*

EN 13087-5:2012, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 5: Retention system strength*

EN 13087-6, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 6: Field of vision*

EN 13087-7:2000, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 7: Flame resistance*

EN 13087-8:2000, *Protective helmets - Test methods - Part 8: Electrical properties*

EN ISO 13688:2013, *Protective clothing - General requirements (ISO 13688:2013)*

EN 14458:2004, *Personal eye-equipment - Faceshields and visors for use with firefighters' and high performance industrial safety helmets used by firefighters, ambulance and emergency services*

ISO 1817:2005[1)], *Rubber, vulcanized — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 6344-1, *Coated abrasives — Grain size analysis — Part 1: Grain size distribution test*

ISO 17493, *Clothing and equipment for protection against heat — Test method for convective heat resistance using a hot air circulating oven*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
helmet for technical rescue
headwear, including all integral components supplied by the manufacturer, intended primarily to protect the upper part of a wearer's head against hazards which may occur during technical rescue activities

Note 1 to entry: Hereafter, helmets for technical rescue are referred to as helmets.

3.2
helmet shell
component in hard material with a smooth finish, which gives the helmet its general shape

3.3
protective padding
material and/or suspension system which serves to dampen impact energy

3.4
retention system
those parts which are responsible for securing the helmet in position on the head, including items which enable adjustment or improved comfort

3.5
chin strap
part of a retention system, including a strap which passes under or on the wearer's chin and which helps to ensure that the helmet is correctly maintained in place

3.6
head form
shape replacing the head which is used for testing certain characteristics

Note 1 to entry: The head form is designed in accordance with EN 960.

3.7
accessories
additional device(s) supplied or recommended by the manufacturer which may be attached to the helmet but which provide no protective function to the wearer

EXAMPLES Lamp brackets, cable clips, badges and trims.

1) ISO 1817:2005 is replaced by ISO 1817:2011, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*.

3.8
non-integral additional protective devices
additional protective device(s) supplied or recommended by the manufacturer which may be attached to the helmet and intended to be removable by the user

EXAMPLES Mesh visors, ear defenders, neck-guard and safety goggles.

4 Physical requirements

4.1 Materials

For those parts of the helmet coming, or that may come, into contact with the skin the material used shall not be subject to any known appreciable alteration from contact with sweat or with substances likely to be found in toiletries.

Materials shall not be used which are known to cause skin disorders or other adverse effects on health.

Examples for documents that can be presented as evidence of chemical innocuousness are given in the note.

NOTE The following list of documents is given for information and as examples of documents to be examined:

a) materials specifications;

b) safety data sheets relating to the materials;

c) information relating to the suitability of the materials for use with food, in medical devices, or other relevant applications;

d) information relating to toxicological, allergenic, carcinogenic, toxic to reproduction or mutagenic investigations on the materials;

e) information relating to ecotoxicological and other environmental investigations on the materials.

The examination should determine whether the claim that the materials are suitable for use in the protective helmet is justified. Particular attention needs to be paid to the presence of plasticisers, unreacted components, heavy metals, impurities and the chemical identity of pigments and dyes.

All metallic materials which could come into prolonged contact with the skin (e.g. studs, fittings) shall have a release of Nickel of less than 0,5 µg/cm^3 per week, when tested according to EN 1811.

Substances recommended for cleaning, maintenance or disinfection shall have no adverse effect on the helmet and shall be not known to be likely to have any adverse effect upon the wearer, when applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Materials shall conform to the relevant requirements of EN ISO 13688

4.2 Projections

There shall be no sharp edges, roughness or projections on any part of the helmet, which are likely to cause injury to the wearer, in contact or potential contact with the wearer when the helmet is worn. Test according to 6.16.

4.3 Retention system

The helmet shall be fitted with a retention system, including a chinstrap. The chinstrap shall be adjustable in length.

4.4 Accessories and non-integral additional protective devices

When the helmet manufacturer states any accessories and/or non-integral additional protective devices, as defined in 3.7 and 3.8, as being for use with the helmet, the helmet with such items fitted to it shall continue to satisfy the requirements of this European Standard.

However, some accessories and/or non-integral additional protective devices might not be suitable for technical rescue operations where there is a potential exposure to flame. In such cases, information shall be provided by the manufacturer as to the conditions under which such accessories and/or non-integral additional protective devices might be used.

4.5 Visors

Visors intended for use and supplied with helmets conforming to this European Standard shall conform to the requirements of EN 14458.

Visors refer only to helmet mounted face guards and eye guards as defined in EN 14458, excluding goggles and spectacles.

5 Performance requirements

5.1 Extent of coverage

When the helmet is tested by the method described in 6.4, it shall cover at least the area situated above plane AA' as defined in EN 960:2006, Figure 1.

5.2 Shock absorption

5.2.1 Crown impact

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.5.2, the force transmitted to the head form shall not exceed 5 kN, for an impact energy of (50 ± 2) J.

5.2.2 Lateral impacts (front, side, rear)

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.5.3, the force transmitted to the head form shall not exceed 5 kN, for an impact energy of (25 ± 1) J.

5.3 Protection against high speed particles

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.6:

a) projectile shall be prevented from passing completely through the helmet;

b) there shall be no contact with the headform so that a mark appears on the white paper on the opposite side to that struck by the ball.

5.4 Penetration resistance

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.7, there shall be no contact between the striker and the test block, for an impact energy of (30 ± 1) J.

5.5 Retention system effectiveness

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.8, the helmet shall not come completely off the headform.

5.6 Retention system strength

When a helmet is tested by the method described in 6.9, the following shall apply:

a) Maximum dynamic elongation shall not exceed 25 mm under the intermediate load condition;

b) Minimum width of the chin strap under intermediate load condition shall be 15 mm;

c) The release point of the retention system shall be between 500 N and 1 000 N.

5.7 Flame resistance

5.7.1 Helmet shell

When a helmet is tested by the method given in 6.10.1, any of the externally exposed materials of the helmet shell, not within 5 mm of an edge, shall not burn with the emission of flame or drip molten material after a period of 5 s has elapsed from the removal of the flame.

5.7.2 Retention system

Materials of the retention system that are outside of the helmet shell, when tested by the method given in 6.10.2, shall not burn with the emission of flame or drip molten material after a period of 5 s has elapsed from the removal of the flame.

5.7.3 Accessories and non-integral additional protective devices

Any items as defined in 3.7 and 3.8 stated as being for use with the helmet by the helmet manufacturer for technical rescue and associated operations and on the outside of the helmet shell, shall be tested by the method given in 6.10.1 in their in-use position. The flame shall not be applied within 5 mm of any edge of the item and the item shall not burn with the emission of flame or drip molten material after a period of 5 s has elapsed from the removal of the flame.

5.8 Lateral crushing

When the helmet is tested by the method given in 6.11, the maximum transverse deformation of the helmet shall not exceed 40 mm. The residual deformation shall not exceed 15 mm.

5.9 Thermal resistance

When the helmet fitted with any items, as defined in 3.7 and 3.8 stated as being for use with the helmet by the helmet manufacturer, are tested by the method given in 6.12, they shall conform to the following requirements:

a) no part of the helmet or any item as defined in 3.7 and 3.8 that is not in contact with the head form before this test shall come into contact with the head form as a result of this test. Test by visual inspection;

b) there shall be no separation, melting or dripping of any part of the helmet or any item as defined in 3.7 and 3.8;

c) any moveable elements of the helmet or any item as defined in 3.7 and 3.8, e.g. chin strap closure and release device(s), visors, hearing defenders, etc. shall remain functional;

d) there shall be no ignition of any part of the helmet or any item as defined in 3.7 and 3.8; and

e) there shall be no ignition, melting or loss of legibility of the product labels.