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**EN 12876:2015 (E)****Foreword**

This document (EN 12876:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 164 "Water supply", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2015, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2015.

This document supersedes EN 12876:2009.

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Significant technical difference between this edition and EN 12876:2009 is as follows:

- a) deletion of reference to EU Directive 67/548/EEC of June 27, 1967 in order to take into account the latest Regulation in force (see [3]);
- b) 6.2 – updating of risk and safety labelling according to EU Regulation [3] and its latest Adaptations to Technical Progress).

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## Introduction

In respect of potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption, caused by the product covered by this European Standard:

- a) this European Standard provides no information as to whether the product may be used without restriction in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA;
- b) it should be noted that, while awaiting the adoption of verifiable European criteria, existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of this product remain in force.

NOTE Conformity with the standard does not confer or imply acceptance or approval of the product in any of the Member States of the EU or EFTA. The use of the product covered by this European Standard is subject to regulation or control by National Authorities.

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**EN 12876:2015 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard is applicable to oxygen used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. It describes the characteristics of oxygen and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for oxygen. It gives information on its use in water treatment.

**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 1089-3, *Transportable gas cylinders - Gas cylinder identification (excluding LPG) - Part 3: Colour coding*

**3 Description****3.1 Identification****3.1.1 Chemical name**

Oxygen.

**3.1.2 Synonym or common name**

None.

**3.1.3 Relative molecular mass**

32,00

**3.1.4 Empirical formula**

O<sub>2</sub>

**3.1.5 Chemical formula**

O = O

**3.1.6 CAS Registry Number<sup>1)</sup>**

7782-44-7

**3.1.7 EINECS reference<sup>2)</sup>**

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**3.2 Commercial forms**

Gas or cryogenic liquid.

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<sup>1)</sup> Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number.

<sup>2)</sup> European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances.



### 3.3 Physical properties

#### 3.3.1 Appearance, odour and taste

The product is a colourless, odourless, tasteless gas or a bluish liquid.

#### 3.3.2 Density

- Liquid: 1,141 g/ml at  $-183\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Gas:  $1,337\text{ g/dm}^3$  at  $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $101,3\text{ kPa}^{3)}$ .

#### 3.3.3 Solubility of pure oxygen (in water)

The solubility of oxygen at a pressure of  $101,3\text{ kPa}^{3)}$  in pure water, depending on the temperature, is:

- a)  $61\text{ mg/l}$  at  $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- b)  $45\text{ mg/l}$  at  $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- c)  $36\text{ mg/l}$  at  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 3.3.4 Vapour pressure

Oxygen is a gas at  $273,15\text{ K}$  and  $101,3\text{ kPa}$ .

#### 3.3.5 Boiling point at $100\text{ kPa}^{3)}$

-  $182,97\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 3.3.6 Melting point

Not applicable.

#### 3.3.7 Specific heat

At a constant pressure  $100\text{ kPa}$ :

- $919\text{ J/(kg}\times\text{K)}$  at  $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- $920\text{ J/(kg}\times\text{K)}$  at  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 3.3.8 Viscosity (dynamic)

$2,0720 \times 10^{-2}\text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s}$  at  $100\text{ kPa}$  and  $27\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 3.3.9 Critical temperature

$118,6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### 3.3.10 Critical pressure

$5\,043\text{ kPa}$

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<sup>3)</sup>  $100\text{ kPa} = 1\text{ bar}$ .

**EN 12876:2015 (E)****3.3.11 Physical hardness**

Not applicable.

**3.4 Chemical properties**

Oxygen is an oxidizing agent and a supporter of combustion. Dangerous reactions are possible with organic compounds and other combustible substances.

NOTE Oxygen-rich atmospheres (a volume fraction higher than 25 % of oxygen) increase the rate of combustion which can lead to explosive reactions.

**4 Purity criteria****4.1 General**

This European Standard specifies the minimum purity requirements for oxygen used for the treatment of water intended for human consumption. Limits are given for impurities commonly present in the product. Depending on the raw material and the manufacturing process other impurities may be present and, if so, this shall be notified to the user and when necessary to relevant authorities.

Users of this product should check the national regulations in order to clarify whether it is of appropriate purity for treatment of water intended for human consumption, taking into account raw water quality, required dosage, contents of other impurities and additives used in the product not stated in the product standard.

Limits have been given for impurities and chemicals parameters where these are likely to be present in significant quantities from the current production process and raw materials. If the production process or raw materials lead(s) to significant quantities of impurities, by-products or additives being present, this shall be notified to the user.

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**4.2 Composition of commercial product**

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Two grades of oxygen exist varying from the manufacturing process:

Grade A for cryogenically derived oxygen, the minimum concentration of oxygen shall be a volume fraction of 99,5 %.

Grade B for oxygen manufactured with non cryogenic methods, the minimum concentration of oxygen shall be a volume fraction of 90 %.

**4.3 Impurities and main by-products**

The hydrocarbons content (as Methane Index) shall not exceed a volume fraction of 50 ppm.

NOTE Depending on the production route, the product can contain quantities of water, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide and other rare gases which do not affect its use in water treatment.

**4.4 Chemical parameters**

NOTE For the purpose of this standard, "chemical parameters" are those defined in the EU Directive 98/83/EC of 03 November 1998 (see [2]).

Commercial oxygen does not contain significant levels of chemical parameters.

## 5 Test methods

### 5.1 Sampling

All or part of the gas flow is sent through the analyser. Sample in a volumetric pipette of a few litres with a positive pressure from 150 kPa to 200 kPa or with an automatic sampler.

When sampling gaseous oxygen the following shall apply:

- sample lines and ancillary equipment shall be compatible with use with oxygen, be clean, leak tight and have the appropriate pressure rating to deliver the sample safely and without contamination to the analyser;
- the sample taken shall be representative and apparatus shall be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended operating procedures.

NOTE Flow rates to the analyser can require precise control, following pressure regulation, if automatic flow control devices are not an integral part of the measurement system.

### 5.2 Analyses

#### 5.2.1 Main product

##### 5.2.1.1 General

The most commonly used method of oxygen content measurement is the paramagnetic method. This method has an accuracy of  $\pm 0,01$  % volume fraction.

##### 5.2.1.2 Principle

Magneto-dynamic oxygen analyzers are based on Faraday's principle of determining the magnetic susceptibility of a gas by measuring the force developed by a strong non-uniform magnetic field on a diamagnetic test body suspended in the sample gas. The test body of all measuring cells in paramagnetic oxygen analyzers consists of two nitrogen-filled quartz spheres arranged in the form of a dumb-bell, as shown in Figure 1. A single turn of fine platinum wire (the feedback coil) is secured in place around the dumb-bell. A rugged, taut band platinum ribbon suspension attached to the mid-point of the dumb-bell positions the dumb-bell in the strong non-uniform magnetic field existing between the specially shaped pole pieces of the permanent magnetic structure (see Figure 2).

##### 5.2.1.3 Apparatus

A variety of analytical equipment suppliers provides simple, ready to run portable units for this purpose, which may be powered either by battery or mains electricity.

Figure 3 illustrates the configuration of a typical analyser designed for this purpose.