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This document will supersede EN 620:2002+A1:2010.

The main changes with respect to EN 620:2002+A1:2010 are as follows:

- Scope was clarified;
- Normative references were updated;
- Definitions were added;
- List of significant hazards updated and removed in an informative Annex;
- Overall safety requirements was updated;
- New normative annex relatın to specification of performance level;
- New requirements relating to noise reduction;
- New Annex ZA in line with template of Machinery harmonized standard;
- De-harmonization to EMC regulation.

This document is part of a series of five standards the titles of which are given below:

- EN 617 “*Continuous handling equipment and systems — Safety and EMC requirements for the equipment for the storage of bulk materials in silos, bunkers, bins and hoppers*”;
- EN 618 “*Continuous handling equipment and systems — Safety and EMC requirements for equipment for mechanical handling of bulk materials except fixed belt conveyors*”;
- EN 619 “*Continuous handling equipment and systems — Safety requirements for equipment for mechanical handling of unit loads*”;
- EN 620 “*Continuous handling equipment and systems — Safety requirements for fixed belt conveyors for bulk materials*”;
- EN 741 “*Continuous handling equipment and systems — Safety requirements for systems and their components for pneumatic handling of bulk materials*”.

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

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EN 620:2021 (E)**Introduction**

This European Standard is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

The products concerned and the extent to which hazards are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

While producing this document it was assumed that:

- For specific purpose machinery, clarifications occur between the manufacturer and the purchaser concerning particular conditions for the operation and location of the machinery (typically considering adjacent machinery, means of access, guarding concept, control systems, etc) related to health and safety. An agreement is needed between the manufacturer and purchaser about belt material, considering specific risk e.g. fire and the establishment of zones;
- only suitably trained persons operate this machinery;
- the machinery will be kept in good repair and working order, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to retain specified health and safety characteristics throughout its working life;
- the place of installation is adequately illuminated;
- the place of installation will allow safe operation of the machinery;
- by design of the load bearing elements, the safe operation of the system and components is ensured for loading ranging from zero to 100 % of the rated capacities and during testing;
- all parts of the machinery without specific requirements, will be:
 - a) made from materials of adequate strength and durability and of suitable quality for their intended purpose;
 - b) designed in accordance with the usual engineering practice and engineering codes, taking account of all failure modes and incorporating appropriate safety factors;
- the establishment of the different zones is defined between the user and the manufacturer.

1 Scope

1.1 This document deals with the technical requirements for stationary belt conveyors and systems as defined in 3.1 to 3.2.4, designed for continuously conveying loose bulk materials. The covered phases of life cycle are design, setting, operation, maintenance and cleaning.

1.2 This document does not cover:

- a) use in coal mining and open cast lignite mining;
- b) use for man-riding;
- c) floating, dredging and ship mounted structures supporting the conveyor;
- d) biological and chemical hazards resulting from handling foodstuffs or pharmaceuticals;
- e) the design of the supporting structure which is not part of a conveyor;
- f) the effects of wind;
- g) hazards resulting from handling specific hazardous materials, (e.g. explosives, radiating material);
- h) hazards resulting from contact with or inhalation of harmful fluids, gases, mists, fumes or dust;
- i) biological and micro-biological (viral or bacterial) hazards;
- j) hazards caused by the use of ionising radiation sources;
- k) conveyors fitted with a moving belt with other than a continuous rubber or polymeric surface for the conveying medium;
- l) hazards associated with the integration of belt conveyors with other machinery;

The safety requirements of this document apply to equipment and systems placed on the market after the date of publication of this document.

NOTE Directive 2014/34/EC concerning equipment and protective systems intended for operation in potentially explosive atmospheres can be applicable to the type of machine or equipment covered by this European Standard. The present document is not intended to provide means of complying completely with the essential health and safety requirements of Directive 2014/34/EC.

EN 620:2021 (E)**2 Normative references**

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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EN 1127-1:2019, *Explosive atmospheres — Explosion prevention and protection — Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

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EN 60529:1991¹, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529:1989)*

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EN 61310-1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Indication, marking and actuation — Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals (IEC 61310-1:2007)*

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EN ISO 4414:2010, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components (ISO 4414:2010)*

EN ISO 4871:2009, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment (ISO 4871:1996)*

EN ISO 7731:2008, *Ergonomics — Danger signals for public and work areas — Auditory danger signals (ISO 7731:2003)*

¹ As impacted by EN 60529:1991/A1:2000 and EN 60529:1991/A2:2013.

² As impacted by EN 60947-5-5:1997/A1:2005, EN 60947-5-5:1997/A11:2013 and EN 60947-5-5:1997/A2:2017.

EN ISO 11201:2010, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections (ISO 11201:2010)*

EN ISO 11202:2010, *Acoustics — Noise emitted by machinery and equipment — Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions applying approximate environmental corrections (ISO 11202:2010)*

EN ISO 11688-1:2009, *Acoustics — Recommended practice for the design of low-noise machinery and equipment — Part 1: Planning (ISO/TR 11688-1:1995)*

EN ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction (ISO 12100:2010)*

EN ISO 13732-1:2008, *Ergonomics of the thermal environment — Methods for the assessment of human responses to contact with surfaces — Part 1: Hot surfaces (ISO 13732-1:2006)*

EN ISO 13849-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design (ISO 13849-1:2015)*

EN ISO 13850:2015, *Safety of machinery — Emergency stop function — Principles for design (ISO 13850:2015)*

EN ISO 13854:2019, *Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body (ISO 13854:2017)*

EN ISO 13855:2010, *Safety of machinery — Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body (ISO 13855:2010)*

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EN ISO 19353:2019, *Safety of machinery — Fire prevention and fire protection (ISO 19353:2019)*

ISO 16625:2013, *Cranes and hoists — Selection of wire ropes, drums and sheaves*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 12100:2010 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

conveyor system

number of linked conveyors with their ancillary equipment

3.2

belt conveyor

conveyor with an endless belt acting as a carrying and traction element

Note 1 to entry: Some shortened form of belt conveyor, normally running at slow speed, designed to extract or control the rate of flow of bulk materials from a *feed hopper* (3.3.1), is called a belt feeder.

3.2.1

troughed belt conveyor

belt conveyor (3.2) where the support *idlers* (3.4.4) or suitable flat sliding surfaces which impart a transverse curvature to the belt less than 45°

Note 1 to entry: If the angle between the support *idlers* (3.4.4) and the horizontal plane is more than 45°, a troughed belt conveyor can be called a deep troughed belt conveyor.

3.2.2

pipe belt conveyor

pipe conveyor

belt conveyor (3.2) where the belt forms a pipe

3.2.3

walled belt conveyor

belt conveyor (3.2) where the belt has its flat carrying face extended to form side walls of limited height

3.2.4

radial conveyor

belt conveyor (3.2) which is pivoted around a fixed end and may be mounted on wheels or skids at a point along its length, which permits movement in a horizontal arc

3.3

ancillary equipment

3.3.1

feed hopper

hopper

device at the loading point of the *belt conveyor* (3.2) for receiving material

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 1.

3.3.2**tripper**

device usually comprising two or more *pulleys* (3.4.7), mounted either in a fixed position or on a travelling carriage, for discharging material at selected points or at any point along the length of a *belt conveyor* (3.2)

3.3.3**chute**

pathway by which materials are guided and fall under gravity

3.4**other terms and definitions****3.4.1****skirt plate**

extension to the *feed hopper* (3.3.1) or independent plate along the length of the conveyor for centralising and/or retaining material on the belt

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 4, key 3.

3.4.2**take-up device**

device for removing slack and applying tension to the belt

3.4.3**scraper**

cleaning device fixed or flexibly mounted across the width of a belt or pulley of a conveyor, for removing adherent material

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 14.

3.4.4**idler**

mechanical element rotating on internal bearing(s) and fitted to support the belt

Note 1 to entry: On *belt conveyors* (3.2), several idlers can be used. These are called e.g. troughing idler (which supports the belt and maintains it in a troughed form), *carrying idler* (3.4.5), *return idler* (3.4.6).

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1, keys 3, 4 and 5.

3.4.5**carrying idler**

idler (3.4.4) which supports the load carrying side of the belt

3.4.6**return idler**

idler (3.4.4) which supports the empty return side of the belt

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EN 620:2021 (E)**3.4.7****pulley**

mechanical element typically rotating on external bearing and fitted to change the direction of the belt along its circumference

Note 1 to entry: On a *belt conveyor* (3.2) two or more of these elements can be used. Depending on the place where this element is used, it can be called a *drive pulley* (3.4.8), *snub pulley* (3.4.9), *bend pulley* (3.4.10), *head pulley* (3.4.11), *take-up pulley* (3.4.12), *tail pulley* (3.4.13).

3.4.8**drive pulley**

pulley (3.4.7) that drives the belt

Note 1 to entry: A drive pulley is typically a *head pulley* (3.4.11).

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1, key 8.

3.4.9**snub pulley**

pulley (3.4.7) used to develop the necessary arc of contact (angle of wrap) of the belt on the drive pulley

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 7.

3.4.10**bend pulley**

pulley (3.4.7) used to change the direction of the belt

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 9.

3.4.11**head pulley**

terminal *pulley* (3.4.7) at the head of a conveyor

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 6.

3.4.12**take-up pulley**

movable *pulley* (3.4.7) used in the *take-up device* (3.4.2)

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1, key 12.

3.4.13**tail pulley**

terminal *pulley* (3.4.7) at the tail of a conveyor

Note 1 to entry: A tail pulley can be a *take-up pulley* (3.4.12).

Note 2 to entry: See Figure 1, key 10.

3.4.14**fixed guard**

guard affixed in such a manner (for example, by screw(s), nut(s), welding) that it can only be opened or removed by the use of tools or by destruction of the affixing means

[SOURCE: EN ISO 12100:2010, 3.27.1]

3.4.15**interlocking guard**

guard associated with an interlocking device so that, together with the control system of the machine, the following functions are performed:

- the hazardous machine functions “covered” by the guard cannot operate until the guard is closed;
- if the guard is opened while hazardous machine functions are operating, a stop command is given, and;
- when the guard is closed, the hazardous machine functions “covered” by the guard can operate (the closure of the guard does not by itself start the hazardous machine functions)

Note 1 to entry: EN ISO 14119:2013 gives detailed provisions.

[SOURCE: EN ISO 12100:2010, 3.27.4]

3.4.16**nip point**

point which occurs on the in-running side at the line of contact between the conveyor belt and rotating pulley and in certain cases between belt and an idler

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1-key 15, Figure 3-key 3, Figure 4-key 9, Figure 6-key 9, Figure 8-key 3, Figure 9-key 3 and Figure 10-key 9.

3.4.17**nip guard**

fixed guard (3.4.14) inserted at a *nip point* (3.4.16) to directly safeguard that point

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 4-key 10, Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 8, Figure 9 and Figure 10 b)-key 17.

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