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In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- Addition of balances with different accuracies to clause 5.6;
- Clause 6.10.3 has been technically revised;
- A clause 6.12 on the use of detonative explosives has been added.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of Directive 2013/29/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles.

For relationship with Directive 2013/29/EU, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for fireworks of category F4.

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.

EN 16261-1:—,¹ *Pyrotechnic articles - Fireworks, category F4 - Part 1: Terminology*

EN 16261-2:—,² *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Category F4 — Part 2: Requirements*

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

ISO 13385-1:2019, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Dimensional measuring equipment — Part 1: Design and metrological characteristics of callipers*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 16261-1:—¹ 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>

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

5.2 Calliper, flat faced vernier reading to 0,1 mm, which shall conform to ISO 13385-1:2019.

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

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

5.5 Wind speed meter, accurate to at least 0,5 m/s.

5.6 Balance, with an accuracy of:

±0,01 g (for weight lower than 100 g)

±0,1 g (for weight lower than 1 000 g)

±1 g (for weight lower than 10 000 g)

±10 g (for weight upper or equal to 10 000 g)

or better.

5.7 Temperature chamber.

5.7.1 Up to $(50 \pm 2,5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

5.7.2 Up to $(75 \pm 2,5) ^\circ\text{C}$.

5.8 Sound level meter, class 1, which shall 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.

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, 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:

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

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

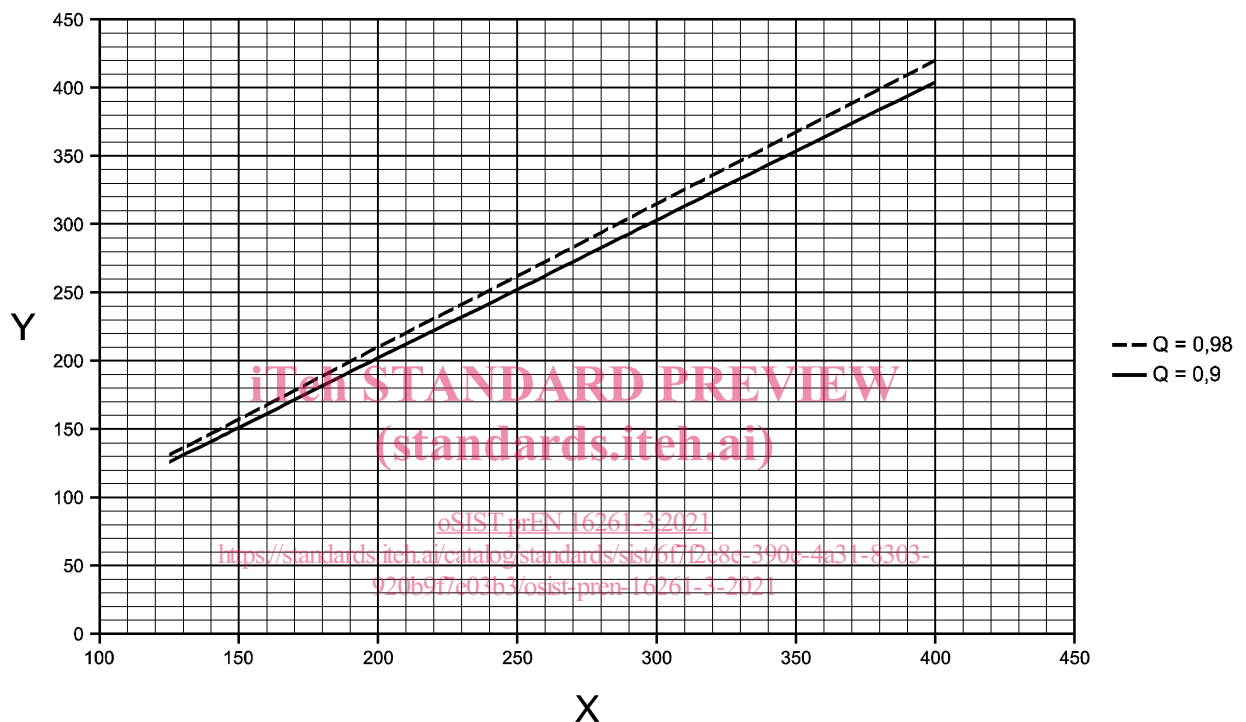
For calibre ≤ 100 mm, a wider tolerance can be accepted. The following conditions shall be achieved:

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

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

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.

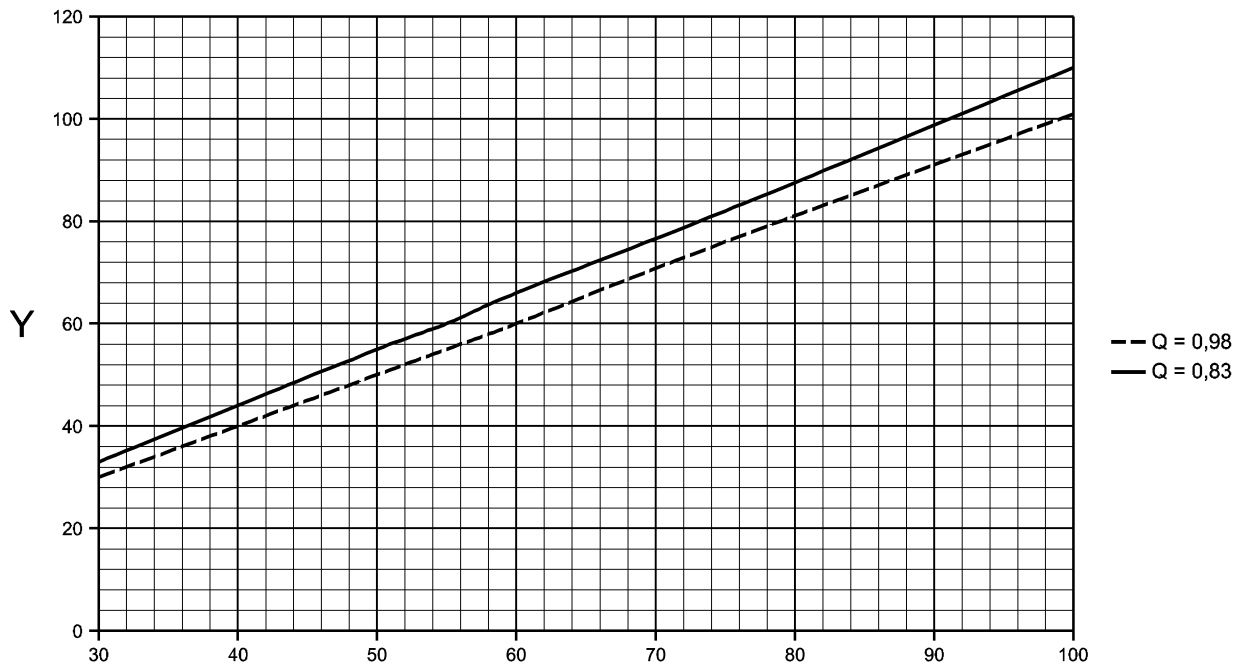


Key

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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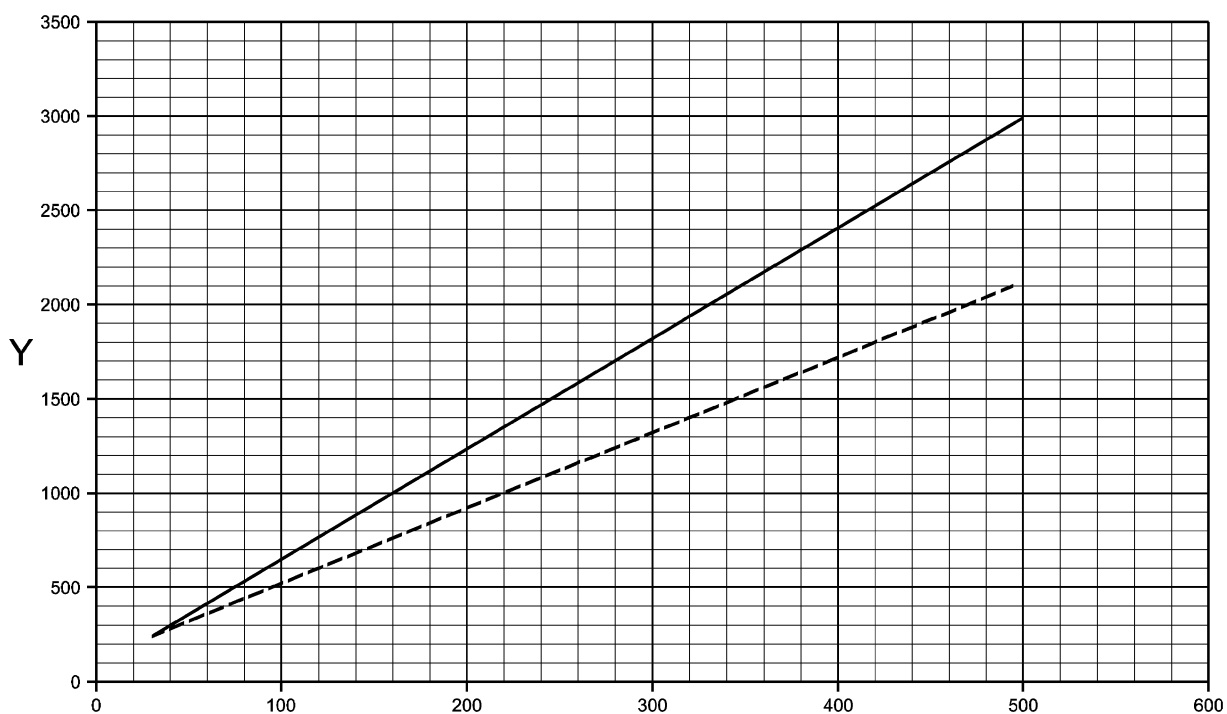
X calibre of the shell (mm)

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



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X calibre of the shell (mm)

Y internal diameter 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).

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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.

6.1.2 Determination of calibre**6.1.2.1 Apparatus**

— Calliper (see 5.2).

6.1.2.2 Procedure

Use the calliper (see 5.2) to measure the calibre of the tested article at least three times at different positions on the article and to the nearest of 0,1 mm and record the results.

6.1.3 Determination of gross mass

Use the balance (see 5.6) to measure the gross mass of the tested article and record the results.

6.2 Design – Verification

Compare the actual article with the detailed manufacturer's drawing.

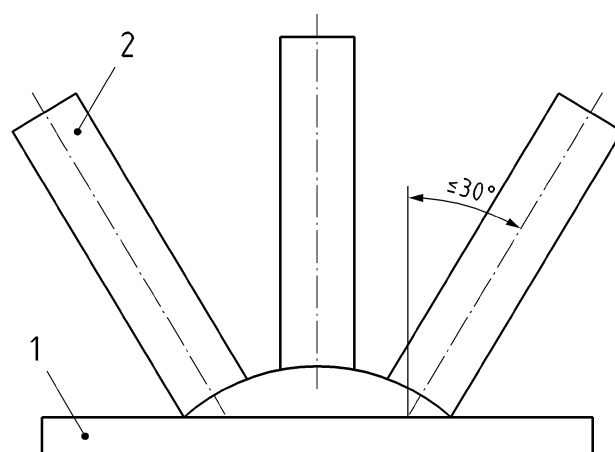
Observe and record any nonconformity.

6.3 Determination of tube angle**6.3.1 Apparatus**

Goniometer (see 5.11).

6.3.2 Procedure

For determination of the tube angle, dismantle the functioned article (if necessary) in such a way that the angle of the tube against the vertical can be measured with goniometer (see Figure 4) and record the results.

**Key**

- 1 base of firework
- 2 tube of mine, Roman candle or shot tube