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Although these Parts may be obtained separately, it should be recognized that the Parts are interdependent. As such, the manufacture of unfired pressure vessels requires the application of all the relevant Parts in order for the requirements of the Standard to be satisfactorily fulfilled.

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EN 13445-3:2026 (E)**1 Scope**

This Part of this document specifies requirements for the design of unfired pressure vessels covered by EN 13445-1:2026 and constructed of steels in accordance with EN 13445-2:2026.

EN 13445-5:2026, Annex C specifies requirements for the design of access and inspection openings, closing mechanisms and special locking elements.

This Part applies to design of vessels before putting into service. It may be used for in service calculation or analysis subject to appropriate adjustment.

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 764-1:2015+A1:2016, *Pressure equipment — Terminology — Part 1: Pressure, temperature, volume, nominal size*

EN 764-2:2012, *Pressure equipment — Part 2: Quantities, symbols and units*

EN 764-3:2002, *Pressure equipment — Part 3: Definition of parties involved*

EN 837-1:1996, *Pressure gauges — Part 1: Bourdon tube pressure gauges — Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 837-3:1996, *Pressure gauges — Part 3: Diaphragm and capsule pressure gauges — Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 1092-1:2018, *Flanges and their joints — Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, PN-designated — Part 1: Steel flanges*

EN 1591-1:2013, *Flanges and their joints — Design rules for gasketed circular flange connections — Calculation method*

EN 1708-1:2010, *Welding — Basic weld joint details in steel — Part 1: Pressurized components*

EN 1990:2023, *Eurocode — Basis of structural and geotechnical design*

EN 1991-1-4:2005¹⁾, *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures — Part 1-4: General actions — Wind actions*

EN 1991-1-6:2005²⁾, *Eurocode 1 — Actions on structures — Part 1-6: General actions — Actions during execution*

EN 1992-1-1:2023, *Eurocode 2 — Design of concrete structures — Part 1-1: General rules and rules for buildings, bridges and civil engineering structures*

¹⁾ EN 1991-1-4:2005 is impacted by the stand-alone amendment EN 1991-1-4:2005/A1:2010 and the corrigendum EN 1991-1-4:2005/AC:2010.

²⁾ EN 1991-1-6:2005 is impacted by the corrigendum EN 1991-1-6:2005/AC:2013.

EN 1998-1:2004³⁾, *Design of structures for earthquake resistance — Part 1: General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products — Type of inspection documents*

EN 10222-1:2017, *Steel forgings for pressure purposes — Part 1: General requirements for open die forgings*

EN 12195-1:2010⁴⁾, *Load restraining on road vehicles — Safety — Part 1: Calculation of securing forces*

EN 12952-3:2022, *Water-tube boilers and auxiliary installations — Part 3: Design and calculation for pressure parts of the boiler*

EN 12953-3:2016, *Shell boilers — Part 3: Design and calculation for pressure parts.*

EN 13445-1:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 1: General*

EN 13445-2:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 2: Materials*

EN 13445-4:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 4: Fabrication*

EN 13445-5:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 5: Inspection and testing*

EN 13445-8:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 8: Additional requirements for pressure vessels of aluminium and aluminium alloys*

EN 13555:2021, *Flanges and their joints — Gasket parameters and test procedures relevant to the design rules for gasketed circular flange connections*

EN ISO 4014:2022, *Fasteners — Hexagon head bolts — Product grades A and B (ISO 4014:2022)*

EN ISO 4016:2022, *Fasteners — Hexagon head bolts — Product grade C (ISO 4016:2022)*

EN ISO 15613:2004, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Qualification based on pre-production welding test (ISO 15613:2004)*

ISO 261:1998, *ISO general purpose metric threads — General plan*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Part of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13445-1:2026, EN 13445-2:2026 and the following apply:

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

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

NOTE EN 13445-1:2026 and EN 13445-2:2026 have adopted terminology, symbols and definitions of EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016, EN 764-2:2012 and EN 764-3:2002.

³⁾ EN 1998-1:2004 is impacted by the stand-alone amendment EN 1998-1:2004/A1:2013

⁴⁾ EN 12195-1:2010 is impacted by the corrigendum EN 12195-1:2010/AC:2014

EN 13445-3:2026 (E)**3.1****action**

imposed thermo-mechanical influence which causes stress and/or strain in a structure, e.g. an imposed pressure, force, temperature

3.2**analysis thickness**

effective thickness available to resist the loading depending on the load case, see 5.3.2

3.3**assumed thickness**

thickness assumed by the designer between the minimum required shell thickness e and the shell analysis thickness e_a

3.4**calculation pressure**

differential pressure used for the purpose of the design calculations for a component

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.5**calculation temperature**

temperature used for the purpose of the design calculations for a component

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.6**chamber**

fluid space within a unit of pressure equipment

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.7**component**

part of pressure equipment which can be considered as an individual item for the calculation

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.8**creep range**

temperature range in which material characteristics used in design are time dependent

Note 1 to entry: See also 5.1.

3.9**cryogenic applications**

applications involving liquefied gases at low temperature

3.10**design pressure**

pressure at the top of each chamber of the pressure equipment chosen for the derivation of the calculation
pressure of each component

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

Note 1 to entry: Any other location may be specified.

3.11**design temperature**

temperature chosen for the derivation of the calculation temperature of each component

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.12**differential pressure**

pressure which algebraic value is equal to the pressure difference on either side of a separation wall

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.13**governing weld joint**

main full penetration butt joint the design of which, as a result of membrane stresses, governs the thickness of the component

3.14**load case**

combination of coincident actions

3.15**main joint**

weld joint assembling main pressure bearing parts

3.16**maximum permissible pressure**

maximum pressure obtained from the design by formulae or relevant procedures of EN 13445-3:2026 for a given component in a given load case, or for the whole pressure vessel the minimum of these maximum permissible pressures of all components

Note 1 to entry: The differences of the nominal design stress f , the analysis thickness e_a and the joint coefficient z for the calculation of the maximum permissible pressure in different load cases are specified in 5.3.2.

Note 2 to entry: If no explicit formula is given for the maximum permissible pressure $P_{\max}$ then $P_{\max}$ may be calculated as pressure which gives the required thickness equal to the analysis thickness.

Note 3 to entry: The maximum permissible pressure $P_{\max}$ used for the simplified assessment of fatigue life in Clause 17 and for the calculation of the equivalent full pressure in 5.4.2 is calculated for normal operating load cases.

3.17**minimum possible fabrication thickness**

minimum possible thickness after fabrication

EN 13445-3:2026 (E)**3.18****nominal design stress**

stress value to be used in the formulae for the calculation of pressure components

3.19**nominal thickness**

thickness as specified on the drawings

3.20**test pressure**

pressure to which the equipment is subjected for test purposes

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.21**test temperature**

temperature at which the pressure test of the pressure equipment is carried out

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.22**volume**

internal volume of a chamber, including the volume of nozzles to the first connection (flange, coupling, weld) and excluding the volume of internal permanent parts (e.g. baffles, agitators)

[SOURCE: EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016]

3.23**weld throat thickness of a fillet weld**

height of the inscribed isosceles triangle measured from the theoretical root point

4 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this Part of this document, the general symbols and abbreviations shall be in accordance with EN 13445-1:2026, EN 13445-2:2026 and Table 4-1:

Table 4-1 — Symbols, quantities and units ^c

Symbol	Quantity	Unit
a	weld throat thickness	mm
e	required thickness	mm
e_n	nominal thickness	mm
$e_{\min}$	minimum possible fabrication thickness	mm
e_a	analysis thickness	mm
c	corrosion allowance	mm

Table 4-1 — Symbols, quantities and units ^c (continued)

Symbol	Quantity	Unit
f	nominal design stress	MPa
f_d	maximum value of the nominal design stress for normal operating load cases	MPa
f_{exp}	maximum value of the nominal design stress for exceptional load cases	MPa
f_{test}	maximum value of the nominal design stress for testing load cases	MPa
n_{eq}	number of equivalent full pressure cycles (see 5.4.2)	—
P	calculation pressure	MPa ^a
P_d	design pressure	MPa ^a
P_{max}	maximum permissible pressure	MPa ^a
PS, P_s	maximum allowable pressure	MPa ^a
P_{test}	test pressure	MPa ^a
R_{eH}	upper yield strength	MPa
R_m	tensile strength	MPa
$R_{m/T}$	tensile strength at temperature T	MPa
$R_{p0,2}$	0,2 % proof strength	MPa
$R_{p0,2/T}$	0,2 % proof strength at temperature T	MPa
$R_{p1,0}$	1,0 % proof strength	MPa
$R_{p1,0/T}$	1,0 % proof strength at temperature T	MPa
T	calculation temperature	°C
T_d	design temperature	°C
T_{test}	test temperature	°C
TS_{max}, TS_{min}	maximum/minimum allowable temperatures	°C
V	volume	mm ³ ^b
z	joint coefficient	—
ν	Poisson's ratio	—
^a MPa for calculation purpose only, otherwise the unit may be bar (1 MPa = 10 bar). ^b mm ³ for calculation purpose only, otherwise the unit should be litre. ^c Formulae used in this standard are dimensional.		