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EN 16265:2026 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 16265:2015:

— references to EU Directive 2007/23/EC have been deleted;

— forbidden substances have been moved from Clause 1 to 5.1.2;

— definition of technical documentation provided with the article has been added (3.1.5);

— definition of explosive substance has been improved (3.2.18);

— definitions of delay fuse duration, firework and pyrotechnic delay have been deleted from Clause 3;

— definitions of output effect (3.2.39) and secondary explosive (3.2.52) have been added;

— four subtypes have been added: magnetically coupled igniter (4.2.8), reactive tape (4.2.14), ignition rod (4.2.16) and ignition stick (4.2.17);

— subtype primer has been deleted from 4.2.11;

— subclause on igniters has been revised (4.3.1);

— subclause on the NEC of the components for pyrotechnic trains has been revised (4.3.2);

— subclause on pyrotechnic cords and fuses has been revised (4.3.3);

— subclause on categorization criteria has been added for hand-held igniters (4.3.6);

— subclauses on pyrotechnic trains have been added to 4.3.7, 5.1.6 and 5.3.6;

— subclause on the use of detonative explosive substances has been added (5.1.7);

— subclause on sensitivity of pyrotechnic composition has been deleted from 5.13 and Table 1 has been revised accordingly;

— subclause on the “use by” date has been added (5.13) and Table 1 has been revised accordingly;

— subclauses on test report have been completed (5.14.3 and 5.15.6);

— determination of all-fire / no-fire levels have been deleted from 5.15.2;

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— acceptable numbers of critical and major nonconformities have been added in Table 2 (5.15.3);

— nonconformities regarding tolerances provided in the definition file of the article have been added (5.15.4);

— subclause on the resistance of leading wires to abrasion has been revised (6.3.12);

— subclause on the slow release test has been deleted from 6.3.13.3.3;

— subclause on the electrostatic discharge has been revised (6.3.19). Table 5 on the minimum ESD impulse has been deleted;

— subclause on the determination of the detonative / non-detonative characteristic has been revised, depending on the test method used and if the articles contain detonative explosives (6.3.21);

— subclause on the electrostatic discharge generator has been revised (6.3.23.2);

— subclause on the details on manufacturer or importer has been deleted from 7.2.6;

— subclause on the “use by” date has been revised (7.2.6);

— text height on the transparent sheet has been changed. Figure 1 has been revised accordingly; the subclause on printing has been revised accordingly (7.2.7);

— subclause on the marking of very small items (7.2.8) has been revised;

— Annex G has been added;

— Annex ZB has been deleted.

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1 Scope

This document defines the terms and specifies the requirements, means of categorization, test methods, minimum labelling requirements and instructions for use of the article, for ignition devices (except ignition devices for pyrotechnic articles for vehicles) of the following *generic types*:

— igniters;

— components for pyrotechnic trains;

— pyrotechnic cords and fuses;

— delay fuses;

— fuzes.

NOTE *Safety fuses* are subject to Directive 2014/28/EU [9] and therefore not considered in this document.

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 13631-3:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 3: Verification of the insensitiveness to friction of explosives for blasting and explosive substances*

EN 13631-4:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 4: Verification of the insensitiveness to impact of explosives for blasting and explosive substances*

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

EN 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*

EN 13763-1:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Detonators and detonating cord relays — Part 1: Requirements*

EN 10088-2:2024, *Stainless steels — Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for sheet/plate and strip of corrosion resistant steels for general purposes*

ISO 565:1990, *Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings*

ISO 2859-1:2026, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

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3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 General terms

3.1.1
type
sample representative of the production envisaged

3.1.2
generic type
set of articles with common, very general, design features and/or with common characteristic effects

3.1.3
subtype
set of articles within a *generic type* with specific design features

3.1.4
individual item
article within a *generic type* and/or *subtype* for which every possible feature and characteristic has been fixed

Note 1 to entry: Each feature and characteristic will be specified in the *technical name* or a technical data sheet, as appropriate.

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3.1.5
technical documentation provided with the article
all technical information about the article to be provided for EU-type examination

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3.1.6
technical name
general description of an *individual item*

3.2 Technical terms

3.2.1
acceptance quality limit
AQL
quality level that is the worst tolerable process average when a continuing series of lots is submitted for acceptance sampling

3.2.2
acceptor charge
acceptor component
charge of *pyrotechnic composition* or component receiving a stimulus from a *donor charge*

3.2.3
all-fire current
minimum current needed to ensure that an electric igniter is fired within a given time frame

Note 1 to entry: The minimum current is generally expressed in Amperes DC.

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3.2.4
all-fire level
minimum level of the initiation input needed to ensure that an igniter or an ignition device is fired within a given time frame

Note 1 to entry: *All-fire level* is a characteristic given in the instructions for use of every igniter. It is generally associated with a probability level (e.g. 99,9 % at 95 % confidence level) within a specified time frame (e.g. 50 ms).

Note 2 to entry: Examples of initiation input are electric current in Amperes, mechanical force in Newtons, optical power in Watts, etc.

3.2.5
ancillary equipment
any device which does not form part of a pyrotechnic article, but which is supplied with it and is required in order that the article functions safely and correctly when used in accordance with the instructions for use of the article

3.2.6
batch test
test performed on one or more sample(s) of products taken at random from a production batch to check compliance with a given specification

Note 1 to entry: Batch testing needs all products in the production batch to comply with the characteristics this document requires to ensure homogeneity of the whole batch. It aims at proving all products which are placed on the market are in conformity with the *type* which is described in the EU-type examination certificate and have been successfully submitted to *type tests* determined by this document.

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3.2.7
black powder
intimate mixture of charcoal and sodium nitrate or potassium nitrate with or without sulphur

3.2.8
booster
pyrotechnic device used as a *donor charge* to amplify the energy supplied to the *acceptor charge*

3.2.9
bridgewire
resistive element connecting the leading wires inside an electric igniter

3.2.10
burning time
time in seconds for a defined mass or length of *pyrotechnic composition* to burn from its ignition to its consumption

3.2.11
critical nonconformity
nonconformity that judgement and experience indicate is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions

Note 1 to entry: This type of *nonconformity* is referred to as a “class A nonconformity” in ISO 2859-1:2026.

3.2.12
critical nonconforming unit
nonconforming unit with one or more *critical nonconformities*, with or without *major* or *minor nonconformities*

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3.2.13
deflagration
reaction of fast combustion through a *pyrotechnic composition* at subsonic velocity in the reacting *explosive substance*

3.2.14
detonation
reaction which propagates through an *explosive substance* at supersonic velocity in the reacting material

3.2.15
detonative explosive
explosive substance which can undergo a fast-internal decomposition reaction leading to a *detonation* in normal use

3.2.16
donor charge
charge of *pyrotechnic composition* supplying a stimulus to an *acceptor charge*

3.2.17
electrostatic discharge
ESD
sudden and momentary electric current that flows between two objects at different electrical potentials

3.2.18
explosive substance
solid or liquid substance or a mixture of substances which is in itself capable by chemical reaction of producing gas at such a temperature and pressure and at such a speed as to cause damage to the surroundings

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Note 1 to entry: Pyrotechnic substances are included even when they do not evolve gases.

3.2.19
firing current
constant electrical direct current required to reliably initiate functioning of an electric igniter

3.2.20
friction head
ignition head designed to be ignited by friction

3.2.21
fusehead
part of an electric igniter consisting of one or more pairs of metal conductors, bridged by fine resistance wire(s), and coated with a *pyrotechnic composition* which initiates when the *firing current* is passed through the *bridgewire(s)*

3.2.22
gross mass
total mass of a pyrotechnic article, not including any *ancillary equipment*

3.2.23
ignition head
initial fuse consisting of *pyrotechnic composition* only

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3.2.24
ignition tube
tube usually containing a thin pyrotechnic charge on the inner wall capable on activation of transmitting a *deflagration* effect from one end of the tube to the other at a subsonic velocity

3.2.25
incompatible substances
materials that undergo chemical reaction together resulting in unsafe conditions

3.2.26
linear burning rate
length of *pyrotechnic composition* in millimetres or metres divided by the *burning time* in seconds

3.2.27
main charge
pyrotechnic composition which produces the *principal effect*

3.2.28
major nonconformity
nonconformity, other than a *critical nonconformity*, which is likely to result in failure, to reduce materially the usability of the pyrotechnic article, or to increase the potential hazard

Note 1 to entry: This type of *nonconformity* is referred to as a "class B nonconformity" in ISO 2859-1:2026.

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3.2.29
major nonconforming unit
nonconforming unit with one or more *major nonconformities*, with or without *minor nonconformities*, but with no *critical nonconformities*

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3.2.30
minor nonconformity
nonconformity that is not likely to reduce materially the usability of the pyrotechnic article

Note 1 to entry: This type of *nonconformity* is referred to as a "class C nonconformity" in ISO 2859-1:2026.

3.2.31
minor nonconforming unit
nonconforming unit with one or more *minor nonconformities*, but with no *critical* or *major nonconformities*

3.2.32
misfire
incomplete functioning or non-functioning of a pyrotechnic article after application of initiation stimulus

3.2.33
net explosive content
NEC
total mass of *explosive substance* in a pyrotechnic article

3.2.34
no-fire current
maximum current that can be applied without causing an electric igniter to function within a specified time period

Note 1 to entry: The maximum current is generally expressed in Amperes DC.

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3.2.35
no-fire level
maximum level of the initiation input that can be applied without causing an igniter to function within a specified time period

Note 1 to entry: *No-fire level* is a characteristic given in the instructions for use of every igniter. It is generally associated with a probability level (e.g. 99,9 % at 95 % confidence level) within a specified time frame (e.g. 50 ms).

Note 2 to entry: Examples of initiation input are electric current in Amperes, mechanical force in Newtons, optical power in Watts, etc.

3.2.36
nonconforming unit
pyrotechnic article with one or more nonconformities

3.2.37
nonconformity
non-fulfilment of a requirement

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3.2.38
other pyrotechnic article
pyrotechnic article other than fireworks, theatrical pyrotechnic articles and pyrotechnic articles for vehicles

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3.2.39
output effect
final effect used to initiate or transmit ignition to another pyrotechnic article

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3.2.40
“pin-to-case” configuration
configuration in which the *ESD* occurs between the two short-circuited leading wire ends and the igniter casing or between the pins and the casing of the connector of the igniter

3.2.41
“pin-to-pin” configuration
configuration in which the *ESD* occurs through the *bridgewire* of the igniter

3.2.42
primary pack
package of one or more pyrotechnic articles, offered for retail sale as a single unit

Note 1 to entry: A *primary pack* is neither necessarily the smallest piece of packaging nor a full enclosure: for instance, pyrotechnic cords and fuses are often delivered coiled around a reel as the smallest piece of retail sale.

3.2.43
principal effect
main effect a pyrotechnic article is designed to produce

3.2.44
pyrotechnic component
any component of a pyrotechnic article which contains one or more *pyrotechnic compositions*

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