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Foreword

This document (EN 1365-1:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 127 "Fire safety in buildings", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- a) the introduction of mechanical loading into the test specimen;
- b) changes as a consequence of the modifications in EN 1363-1.

EN 1365, *Fire resistance tests for loadbearing elements*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Walls;*
- *Part 2: Floors and roofs;*
- *Part 3: Beams;*
- *Part 4: Columns;*
- *Part 5: Balconies and walkways;*
- *Part 6: Stairs.*

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Introduction

The purpose of this test is to measure the ability of a representative specimen of a loadbearing wall to resist the spread of fire from one side to another and to maintain its loadbearing capacity. It is applicable to internal and external walls.

Caution

The attention of all persons concerned with managing and carrying out this fire resistance test is drawn to the fact that fire testing may be hazardous and that there is a possibility that toxic and/or harmful smoke and gases may be evolved during the test. Mechanical and operational hazards may also arise during the construction of the test elements or structures, their testing and disposal of test residues.

An assessment of all potential hazards and risks to health should be made and safety precautions should be identified and provided. Written safety instructions should be issued. Appropriate training should be given to relevant personnel. Laboratory personnel should ensure that they follow written safety instructions at all times.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method of testing the fire resistance of loadbearing walls. It is applicable to both internal and external walls. The fire resistance of external walls can be determined under internal or external exposure conditions.

The fire resistance performance of loadbearing walls is normally evaluated without perforations such as doors, glazing or fire resistant ducts. If it can be demonstrated that the design of the opening is such that load is not transmitted to the perforation, then the perforation need not be tested in the loaded condition. If perforations are to be included, the effects of these will need to be separately established.

This test method is not applicable to non-separating loadbearing walls which, in short widths, can be tested as columns to EN 1365-4.

This European Standard is used in conjunction with EN 1363-1:1999.

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 1363-1:1999, *Fire resistance tests — Part 1: General requirements*

EN 1363-2, *Fire resistance tests — Part 2: Alternative and additional procedures*

EN ISO 13943:2010, *Fire safety — Vocabulary (ISO 13943:2008)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1363-1:1999 and EN ISO 13943:2010 together with the following apply.

3.1

loadbearing wall

wall designed to support an applied load

3.2

internal wall

wall which provides fire separation and which may be exposed separately to a fire from either side

3.3

external wall

wall forming the external envelope of a building which may be exposed separately to an internal or an external fire

3.4

insulated wall

wall, which satisfies both the integrity and insulation criteria for the anticipated fire resistance period

3.5

uninsulated wall

wall which satisfies the integrity and, where required, the radiation criteria for the anticipated fire resistance period, but which is not intended to provide insulation

Note 1 to entry: Such a loadbearing wall may consist entirely of uninsulated fire resistant panels