# Copper and copper alloys - Seamless copper tubes for electrical purposes



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# Foreword

This document (EN 13600:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 “Copper and copper alloys”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2013, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2013.

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This document supersedes EN 13600:2002.

In comparison with EN 13600:2002, the following significant technical changes have been made:

— The Scope has been expanded.

— The outside diameters have been expanded.

— The wall thickness has been expanded.

— Cu-OFE (CW009A) and Cu-PHCE (CW022A) have been added.

— Tolerance on the outside diameter of round tubes and on wall thicknesses has been completely revised.

Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 4 "Extruded and drawn products, forgings and scrap" to prepare the following revision of the standard:

EN 13600:2002, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless copper tubes for electrical purposes.*

The products specified in this European Standard are those which are especially suitable for electrical purposes, i.e. with specified electrical properties. Copper tubes for general purposes are specified in EN 12449.

Annex A (informative) gives guidance on the characteristics of coppers for electrical purposes.

This is one of a series of European Standards for copper products for electrical purposes. Other copper products are specified as follows:

— EN 13599, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper plate, sheet and strip for electrical purposes*

— EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes*

— EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn, round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors*

— EN 13604, *Copper and copper alloys — Semiconductor devices, electronic and vacuum products made from high conductivity copper*

— EN 13605, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper profiles and profiled wire for electrical purposes*

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Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

# 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the composition, property requirements including electrical properties, and tolerances on dimensions and form for seamless drawn copper tubes for electrical purposes, delivered in straight lengths or alternatively in level wound coils with the cross-sections and size ranges below:

— for round tubes in straight lengths with outside diameters from 3 mm up to and including 450 mm and wall thicknesses from 0,3 mm;

— for round tubes in level wound coils with outside diameters from 3 mm up to and including 30 mm and wall thicknesses from 0,3 mm;

— for square and rectangular tubes with major outside dimension from 5 mm up to and including 150 mm and wall thicknesses from 0,5 mm up to and including 10 mm.

The sampling procedures and test methods for verification of conformity to the requirements of this standard are also specified.

# 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 1655, *Copper and copper alloys — Declarations of conformity*

EN 1976, *Copper and copper alloys — Cast unwrought copper products*

EN 10204, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

EN ISO 2626, *Copper — Hydrogen embrittlement test (ISO 2626)*

EN ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1)*

EN ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1)*

EN ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature (ISO 6892-1)*

EN ISO 7438, *Metallic materials — Bend test (ISO 7438)*

EN ISO 8491, *Metallic materials — Tube (in full section) — Bend test (ISO 8491)*

# 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**
**seamless tube**
hollow semi-finished product, circular, square or rectangular in cross-section, having a uniform wall thickness, which at all stages of production has a continuous periphery

Note 1 to entry: Tubes with a square or rectangular cross-section may have corners rounded along their whole length.

**3.2**
**mean diameter**
arithmetical mean of any two diameters normal to each other at the same cross-section of the tube