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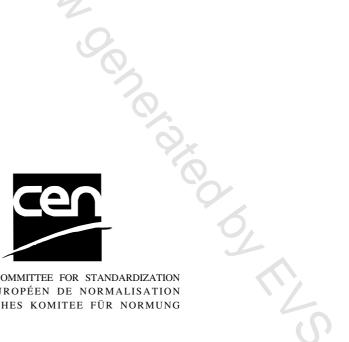
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1 Scope

This standard specifies two methods of determining the flammability characteristics of a finished cable.

It is intended to be used together with EN 3475-100.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 3475-100, Aerospace series — Cables, electrical, aircraft use — Test methods — Part 100: General.

FAR 25, Airworthiness standards — Transport category airplanes.

JAR 25, Large aeroplanes.

3 Equipment

The following equipment shall be required for these tests:

- a) **Test chamber**: this shall be a chamber measuring not less than 700 mm high \times 300 mm wide \times 300 mm deep, open at the top, open at the front and situated in a draught-free environment but with sufficient air supply to provide normal combustion. General arrangements are shown in Figures 1 and 2.
- b) **Bunsen type gas burner**: the burner shall have a 6 mm inlet, a needle valve in the base for gas adjustment, a nominal bore of 9 mm and a barrel of approximately 100 mm above the air inlets. The gas supply shall be capable of achieving the test requirements defined in 4.1.2 and 4.2.2.
- **WARNING** NOTE Care should be exercised in setting up and performing this test as toxic fumes may be given off during combustion. The test chamber shall be placed in a fume cabinet that will allow evacuation of gaseous products of combustion at the end of the test.

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4 Procedures

4.1 Method 1

4.1.1 Preparation of test specimens

Cut two sets of three specimens each, approximately 900 mm in length, consecutively from the same coil. Strip each end and place them in an atmosphere of (50 ± 5) % relative humidity at a temperature of (21 ± 3) °C for a period of not less than 24 h. Keep the specimens in the conditioning area until just prior to testing.

4.1.2 Flame temperature

4.1.2.1 Adjust the Bunsen burner to produce a flame with an inner blue cone approximately one-third of the overall flame height. Insert a bare copper wire of $(0,7 \pm 0,025)$ mm diameter, and having a free length of not less than 100 mm, into the flame, the end of the wire being immediately above the tip of the inner cone.

NOTE For initial setting-up purposes, an overall flame height of approximately 75 mm may be found suitable.