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Introduction

Poles for overhead lines are not covered by EN 1995-1-1 (i.e. Eurocode 5), which is for the design of buildings and civil engineering structures. The supplier is always responsible that all products supplied are in conformity with the requirements of this European Standard and any other specification he is provided with. This European Standard is for the initial determination of the characteristic values for a given population of wood poles (i.e. initial type testing), and additional determination when there is a reason to suspect that the characteristic values for a population have reduced. As far as empirical characteristic values are existing they can be used. Annex E presents some typical minimum characteristic values for wood poles. Furthermore, this standard provides also for requirements on the factory production control with production tolerances to enable the manufacturer of this population of wood poles to be in conformity with the declared characteristic values, derived from the initial type testing.

This European Standard recognises that there are many different visual strength grading rules for timber in use in Europe. These have come into existence to allow for:

- different species or groups of species;
- geographic origin;
- different dimensional requirements;
- varying requirements for different uses;
- the quality of material available;
- historic influences or traditions.

Because of the diversity of existing standards for wood poles for overhead lines in use in different Member States it is currently impossible to lay down a single set of acceptable visual grading rules for all Member States.

This European Standard therefore gives the basic principles to be followed when drawing up regional, national, local or buyer requirements for some characteristics and sets limits for others.

In laying down visual grading rules, two main factors are relevant:

- they clearly define and limit the additional characteristics in poles so that there is a very high confidence that poles supplied meet the required characteristic strength value;
- the rules and the text can be easily understood and be suitable for implementation by grading personnel.

This European Standard is also concerned with the durability characteristics of wood poles for overhead power and telecommunication lines. It assumes that all such poles are constructed from round timber in which the finished product comprises either a central core of heartwood surrounded by a zone of sapwood or the heartwood only.

NOTE Some timber (e.g. *abies alba* and *picea abies*) do not allow differentiation between heartwood and sapwood. EN 351-1 specifies how such timber should be treated when preservation is required. For such species there may be different requirements for the incised zone and other parts of the pole.

1 Scope

This European Standard covers requirements for single untreated or preservative treated wood poles for overhead lines under cantilever or compression loading (it does not cover poles used as beams). It covers test methods, determination of characteristic values and methods of specifying durability and sizes. It also establishes principles for visual grading.

This European Standard applies to both softwood and hardwood poles.

This European Standard specifies the evaluation of conformity requirements and the marking of wood poles.

This European Standard does not specify wood poles treated against fire to improve their fire performance.

This European Standard does not quantify the service life that may be expected from a wood pole.

NOTE The service life of a wood pole depends on its geographical location, the associated climate of its service environment and either the natural durability of the heartwood of the species selected, or the combination between selection of species, preservative type, and requirements of retention and any incised zones.

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 212, *Wood preservatives — General guidance on sampling and preparation for analysis of wood preservatives and treated timber*

EN 252, *Field test method for determining the relative protective effectiveness of a wood preservative in ground contact*

EN 350-1, *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Natural durability of solid wood — Part 1: Guide to the principles of testing and classification of the natural durability of wood*

EN 350-2, *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Natural durability of solid wood — Part 2: Guide to natural durability and treatability of selected wood species of importance in Europe*

EN 351-1:2007, *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Preservative-treated solid wood — Part 1: Classification of preservative penetration and retention*

EN 351-2:2007, *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Preservative-treated solid wood — Part 2: Guidance on sampling for the analysis of preservative-treated wood*

EN 599-1, *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Efficacy of preventive wood preservatives as determined by biological tests — Part 1: Specification according to use class*

EN 13183-1, *Moisture content of a piece of sawn timber — Part 1: Determination by oven dry method*

EN ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes (ISO 3166-1:2006)*

EN ISO 9001:2008, *Quality management systems — Requirements (ISO 9001:2008)*

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