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## **Non-destructive testing — Penetrant testing —**

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Throughout the text of this standard, read “..this European Standard...” to mean “...this International Standard...”.

This first edition together with ISO 3452-1, ISO 3452-2 and ISO 3452-3 cancels and replaces ISO 3452:1984, which has been technically revised.

ISO 3452 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Non-destructive testing — Penetrant testing*:

- *Part 1: General principles*
- *Part 2: Penetrant testing materials*
- *Part 3: Reference test blocks*
- *Part 4: Equipment*

Annex ZA provides a list of corresponding International and European Standards for which equivalents are not given in the text.

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## Foreword

The text of EN ISO 3452-4:1998 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 138 "Non-destructive testing", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 135 "Non-destructive testing".

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 1999, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 1999.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association. This European Standard is considered to be a supporting standard to those application and product standards which in themselves support an essential safety requirement of a New Approach Directive and which make reference to this European Standard.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

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## Introduction

At the present time, one part of this Standard is published independently on the European and ISO levels, the others are under the Vienna Agreement and consequently have the ISO number at the European level. However, the Vienna agreement was applied during the work, so some European Standards have referenced them under their previous European number. The following table gives the correspondance between these different numbers.

Title	previous number*	official number
Non-destructive testing - Penetrant testing		
Part 1: General principles		EN 571-1
Part 2: Testing of penetrant materials	prEN 571-2	prEN ISO 3452-2
Part 3: Reference test blocks	prEN 571-3	EN ISO 3452-3
Part 4: Equipment	prEN 956	EN ISO 3452-4
*number under which this document is referenced in some European Standards		

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## 1 Scope

This European standard specifies the characteristics of equipment used in penetrant testing. The characteristics of equipment required for carrying out penetrant testing depend on the number of tests to be made and on the size of the components to be tested. Two types of equipment are included in this standard:

- a) equipment suitable for carrying out in situ penetrant testing techniques;
- b) fixed installations.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 571-1	Non destructive testing - Penetrant testing - Part 1: General principles for the examination
prEN ISO 3452-2	Non-destructive testing - Penetrant testing - Part 2: Testing of penetrant materials (ISO/DIS 3452-2:1996)
EN ISO 3452-3	Non-destructive testing - Penetrant testing - Part 3: Reference blocks (ISO 3452-3:1998)
prEN ISO 3059	Non-destructive testing - Penetrant testing and magnetic particle testing - Viewing conditions.

## 3 General

Equipment used in penetrant testing shall be selected and applied considering the following general aspects:

- equipment should be selected being suitable for the penetrant testing technique;
- all relevant health, safety and environmental requirements shall be complied with;
- the application shall be in accordance with the requirements of EN 571-1.

## 4 Equipment for in situ inspection

The equipment used for in situ inspection shall fulfill the requirements of EN 571-1, prEN ISO 3452-2 and EN ISO 3452-3. Depending on the process being employed the following testing equipment may be used:

- portable spray equipment
- cloth (lint free)
- brushes
- personal protective equipment
- white light source
- UV(A) source.

## 5 Equipment for fixed installations

### 5.1 General requirements

All materials of construction used for the manufacture of fixed penetrant inspection installations, e. g. tanks, pipework and ducting, shall be manufactured from materials which are resistant to attack by the products used throughout the complete process. In addition, these materials shall not cause any modification to the properties of the penetrant systems used.