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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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- EN 15947-1, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 1: Terminology*
- EN 15947-2, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 2: Categories and types of firework*
- EN 15947-3, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 3: Minimum labelling requirements*
- EN 15947-4, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 4: Test methods*
- EN 15947-5, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 5: Requirements for construction and performance*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies test methods. It is applicable to fireworks in categories 1, 2 and 3 according to EN 15947-2:2010.

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 15947-1:2010, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 1: Terminology*

EN 15947-3:2010, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 3: Minimum labelling requirements*

EN 15947-5, *Pyrotechnic articles — Fireworks, Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 5: Requirements for construction and performance*

EN 61672-1:2003, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications (IEC 61672-1:2002)*

EN ISO 845, *Cellular plastics and rubbers — Determination of apparent density (ISO 845:2006)*

EN ISO 868, *Plastics and ebonite — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a durometer (Shore hardness) (ISO 868:2003)*

EN ISO 2439, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials — Determination of hardness (indentation technique) (ISO 2439:2008)*

ISO 3599, *Vernier callipers reading to 0,1 and 0,05 mm*

ISO 6344-3, *Coated abrasives — Grain size analysis — Part 3: Determination of grain size distribution of microgrits P240 to P2500*

ISO 21948, *Coated abrasives — Plain sheets*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15947-1:2010 apply.

4 Test environment

4.1 General

The test area shall be a clean, flat, horizontal, non-flammable and sound reflecting surface (for example concrete). The test sample shall be placed in accordance with the instructions on the label in the centre of the test area.

4.2 Indoor

The test area shall be indoors.

The test area shall be inside a fume cupboard, or similar enclosed space, which is capable of preventing movement of air.