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European foreword

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The main changes in EN 15004-5:2020 compared to EN 15004-5:2008 are the following:

- European foreword: Part 3 was removed from the list;
- Foreword of ISO 14520-9 was removed;
- Scope: Nominal pressure level 50 bar was added;
- 6.1, Fill density: 50 bar storage container were added;
- 6.4, Other fill density and superpressurization levels: new sub-clause added;
- Clause 7, Environmental properties: new clause added.

The text of the International Standard ISO 14520-9:2019 from Technical Committee ISO/TC 21 “Equipment for fire protection and firefighting” of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has been taken over as a European Standard by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 “Fixed firefighting systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI, with common modifications which are indicated by a straight line in the margin of the text.

EN 15004 will consist of the following parts, under the general title *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems*:

- Part 1: *Design, installation and maintenance*;
- Part 2: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12 extinguishant*;
- Part 4: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant*;
- Part 5: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant*;
- Part 6: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant*;
- Part 7: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant*;
- Part 8: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-100 extinguishant*;

- Part 9: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant;*
- Part 10: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant.*

The International Standards ISO 14520-2 and ISO 14520-11, which dealt with CF₃I and HFC 236fa extinguishants, respectively, have not been implemented by CEN, as CF₃I is only valid for local application and HFC 236fa extinguishant is only applicable for portable fire extinguishers and local application, respectively, which is not covered by the scope.

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1 Scope

This document contains specific requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 227ea extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects.

This document covers systems operating at nominal pressures of 25 bar, 42 bar and 50 bar with nitrogen propellant. This does not preclude the use of other systems.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 15004-1:2019, *Fixed firefighting systems — Gas extinguishing systems — Part 1: Design, installation and maintenance (ISO 14520-1:2015, modified)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15004-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Characteristics and uses

4.1 General

Extinguishant HFC 227ea shall comply with the specification shown in Table 1.

HFC 227ea is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas, with a density approximately six times that of air.

The physical properties are shown in Table 2.

HFC 227ea extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, but also by some chemical means.

Table 1 — Specification for HFC 227ea

Property	Requirement
Purity	99,6 % by mass, min.
Acidity	3×10^{-6} by mass, max.
Water content	10×10^{-6} by mass, max.
Non-volatile residue	0,01 % by mass, max.
Suspended matter or sediment	None visible

Table 2 — Physical properties of HFC 227ea

Property	Units	Value
Molecular mass	—	170
Boiling point at 1,013 bar (absolute)	°C	−16,4
Freezing point	°C	−127
Critical temperature	°C	101,7
Critical pressure	bar abs	29,26
Critical volume	cm ³ /mol	274
Critical density	kg/m ³	573
Vapour pressure 20 °C	bar abs	3,90
Liquid density 20 °C	kg/m ³	1 410
Saturated vapour density 20 °C	kg/m ³	31,035
Specific volume of superheated vapour at 1,013 bar and 20 °C	m ³ /kg	0,137 4
Chemical formula	CF ₃ CHFCF ₃ Heptafluoropropane	
Chemical name		

4.2 Use of HFC 227ea systems

HFC 227ea total flooding systems can be used for extinguishing fires of all classes within the limits specified in EN 15004-1:2019, Clause 4.

The extinguishant requirements per volume of protected space are shown in Table 3 for various levels of concentration. These are based on methods shown in EN 15004-1:2019, 7.6.

The extinguishing concentrations and design concentrations for n-heptane and surface class A hazards are shown in Table 4.

Table 3 — HFC 227ea total flooding quantity

Temperature T °C	Specific vapour volume S m ³ /kg	HCF 227ea mass requirements per unit volume of protected space, m/V (kg/m ³)									
		Design concentration (by volume)									
		6 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	10 %	11 %	12 %	13 %	14 %	15 %
−10	0,121 5	0,525 4	0,619 6	0,715 8	0,814 2	0,914 7	1,017 4	1,122 5	1,230 1	1,340 1	1,452 7
−5	0,124 1	0,514 2	0,606 4	0,700 5	0,796 7	0,895 1	0,995 7	1,098 5	1,203 8	1,311 4	1,421 6
0	0,126 8	0,503 4	0,593 6	0,685 8	0,780 0	0,876 3	0,974 8	1,075 5	1,178 5	1,283 9	1,391 8
5	0,129 4	0,493 2	0,581 6	0,671 9	0,764 2	0,858 6	0,955 0	1,053 7	1,154 6	1,257 9	1,363 6
10	0,132 0	0,483 4	0,570 0	0,658 5	0,749 0	0,841 4	0,936 0	1,032 7	1,131 6	1,232 8	1,336 4
15	0,134 7	0,474 0	0,558 9	0,645 7	0,734 4	0,825 1	0,917 8	1,012 6	1,109 6	1,208 9	1,310 5