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Part 1: Safety requirements and test methods

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136, Sports, playground and other recreational equipment, the Secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard supersedes EN 1069-1:1996.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2001, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2001.

The standard EN 1069-1, Waterslides of 2 m height and more, consists of:

Part 1: Safety requirements and test methods;

Part 2: Instructions.

In relation to EN 1069-1:1996, the following main amendments have been made.

- 1) The English title has been aligned with the French and the German title.
- 2) The description of the types have been taken from clause 3 and put in a new clause 4, Classification.
- 3) A new type 7, Wide straight slide, has been added.
- 4) Table 1 has been detailed, and type 7 has been added.
- 5) In 6.4 an example for calculation and a new Figure 1 for the determination of the radius of a curve and of the application of the centrifugal force has been added.
- 6) Clause 6.9, Temperature, has been modified.
- 7) The text of the former clause 4 has been put in the beginning of clause 7.1.
- 8) In Figure 2, Height of the guardrail, the unnecessary dimensions 200 and 600 have been deleted.
- 9) In 7.7.1 a last sentence regarding features altering the natural progression has been added.
- 10) 7.7.2 has been modified.
- 11) Figure 3, Transition, has been improved.
- 12) A new 7.13 has been included.
- 13) 7.14 has been modified.
- 14) 8.1.3 has been modified.
- 15) 8.1.4 has been modified.
- 16) 8.1.7 with a new Figure 9 for type 7 has been added.
- 17) 8.3.3 has been more detailed.
- 18) 8.3.4 second paragraph and Table 3 have been modified.
- 19) Figure 13 for type 7 has been added.
- 20) In 8.4 a last line regarding type 7 has been added.
- 21) Figure 12 has been deleted Figure 11 (now 14) has been modified to include Figure 12.
- 22) In 9.2.3 the water bag has been reduced.
- 23) In 10.1 the designation has been modified.
- 24) In 10.2 an example where to put the marking has been added.

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Introduction

The market for water slides is extremely wide and specific, and still developing. It is impossible to define an all-embracing safety specification, including dimensions and design requirements as required by a standard, without limiting the design possibilities and preventing innovative and new but safe products.

This European Standard is intended to establish safety requirements and design guidance rules to serve anyone involved with waterslides, especially designers, manufacturers, operators and users, to ensure safe and more efficient products. This means that for certain aspects of design, manufacturing, installation, operation and use only specific guidelines are given, without any technical specification. These safety guidelines should be taken into consideration and fulfilled in order to ensure safety for operators and end users.

1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to all water slides over 2 m in height from water level.

This standard may also be applicable to types, not yet described in this standard, provided the safety requirements are fulfilled.

This standard specifies general requirements to all types of waterslides and accessories and specific requirements to defined types of water slides. These requirements concern safety and the technical rules for design, calculation and testing of water slides.

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 of 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 294, *Safety of machinery – Safety distances to prevent danger zones being reached by the upper limbs.*

EN 1069-2:1999, *Water slides of 2 m height and more – Part 2: Instructions.*

EN 1176-1, *Playground equipment – Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods.*

EN 22768-1, *General tolerances – Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications (ISO 2768-1:1989).*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1

water slide

piece of equipment with an inclined sliding surface, down which the user descends by sliding usually under the influence of gravity, and with water as the friction-reducing medium, either freely or with the use of ride enhancement devices, if so designed

NOTE For classification see clause 4.

3.2

platform

area providing access to the start section

3.3

start section

area at which the user enters the slide proper

3.4

slide proper

area intended for sliding

3.5

final part

part of the slide proper with an downward inclination of less than 5 %, designed to prepare the user for landing

3.6

catch unit

integral part of a water slide, not part of the slide proper, which brings the rider to a halt on the sliding surface

3.7

splashdown area

either a specific pool or an area which is part of a general purpose pool, in which the rider is brought to a halt in the water

3.8

drop

length of the slide proper, tilted with an inclination greater than those of adjacent sections

3.9

tube

closed section, not necessarily circular in cross-section, of a water slide, with a fully utilizable sliding surface

3.10

cover

device to enclose an open slide, not intended for sliding

3.11

riser

extension for the slide proper, intended for sliding

3.12

wave screen

device, placed within the clearance zone, to control spilling water

3.13

ride enhancement device

device to slide on or in, designed for a particular water slide

3.14

guardrail

a device to restrict users from falling over, under or through it

3.15

average inclination

inclination calculated with the formula

$$x = \frac{h - 100}{l} \%_0$$

where:

- h height between start section and beginning of final part in metres
- l actual length of the slide proper excluding the final part in metres

3.16

clearance zone

space around the slide proper, free from obstacles

4 Classification

4.1 Type 1

Straight individual slide with an average inclination of max. 70 %, not exceeding 3 m in height above water level and 2,70 m above ground.

4.2 Type 2

Individual slide with an average inclination between 11 % and 18 %, excluding the final part, not exceeding 3 m in height above water level and 2,70 m above ground.

4.3 Type 3

Individual slide, not restricted in height with an average inclination of max. 13 %, excluding the final part. The user can achieve an average speed of 5 m/s and a maximum speed of 7 m/s.

4.4 Type 4

Speed individual slide with an average inclination between 13 % and 20 %, excluding the final part. The user can achieve an average speed of 10 m/s and a maximum speed of 14 m/s.

4.5 Type 5

High speed individual slide with an average inclination of at least 20 %, excluding the final part. The user can achieve a speed of more than 14 m/s.

4.6 Type 6

4.6.1 Type 6.1

Multi-track in the form of type 3 with separate parallel tracks (straight or curved), one beside the other over full length. The user can achieve an average speed of 5 m/s and a maximum speed of 7 m/s.

4.6.2 Type 6.2

Multi-track in the form of type 4 with separate parallel tracks (straight or curved), one beside the other over full length. The user can achieve an average speed of 10 m/s and a maximum speed of 14 m/s.

4.7 Type 7

Wide straight slide with a maximum inclination of 25 %, not exceeding 8 m in height above water level and 7,7 m above the ground. The user can achieve a maximum speed of 7 m/s.

5 Materials

Any material may be used for the construction of water slides, supports and ride enhancement devices provided it fulfils the requirements of this standard.

6 Design loads

6.1 General

Proof of structural integrity/stability shall be obtained by the use of calculation, component tests or by a combination of both methods signed by an engineering expert.

NOTE In some European countries, a certificate on the correct construction of the water slide by a technical expert may be required to certify that the entire construction of the water slide and the way it is erected complies with all relevant standards and laws.

The component tests should be carried out on slide sections of the same dimensions and design, with comparable supporting conditions and joints. In addition to the relevant single component test, a test on a minimum of two adjacent elements joined together shall be made.

6.2 Dead load

For every component of the slide, the dead load shall be determined by an engineering expert, by calculation and/or testing of the material/component used to construct the water slide.

6.3 Water load

For the purpose of calculation, the water load shall be twice the designed amount of water flowing on the slide. For the defined types, taking into consideration the flow rate as given in 8.4, the water load where the inclination is bigger than 5 % shall conventionally be as follows:

- type 1: the water load is too small to be taken into account;
- type 2: 0,1 kN/m;
- types 3 to 5: 0,2 kN/m;
- type 6: 0,1 kN/m per track;
- type 7: 0,2 kN/m²

If the inclination is less than 5 %, the real load of the water contained in the slide shall be used.

6.4 Load of sliding person

Measurements shall be as given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Measurements to be considered

Type	Load of sliding person	Length of load	Conventional speed for calculation	Data for calculating the centrifugal forces ^a			
				User speed	Length of application	Point of application above bottom (see Figure 1)	Direction
	kN/m	m	m/s	m/s	m	m	
1	0,8	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	0,8	5,0	3,5	3,5	5,0	0,1	horizontal
3	1,5	5,0	7,0 ^c	3,5	5,0	0	vertical
				(7,0) ^c	(1,0) ^c	0,1	horizontal
4	1,5	1,0	12,0	12,0	1,0	0	vertical
						0,35	horizontal
5	1,5	1,0	16,0	16,0	1,0	0	vertical/
						0,35	horizontal
6.1	1,5	5,0	7,0 ^c	3,5 ^b	5,0 ^b	0	vertical
				(7,0) ^c	(1,0) ^c	0,1	horizontal
6.2	1,5	1,0	12,0 ^c	12,0	1,0	0	vertical
						0,35	horizontal
7	1,5 kN/m ² 0,5 kN	^d ^e	5,0	5,0	5,0 —	0	vertical horizontal
^a Maximum acceleration on a sliding person; see 7.7.2 ^b Chain sliding ^c Single person ^d Over the complete sliding surface ^e Point load at side of the slide							

In a curve the centripetal acceleration generates centrifugal forces which act radially outwards in the curve and which depend on the mass of the sliding person, the current sliding speed and the radius of the curve. The loads from the centrifugal forces which are to be taken under Table 1 are calculated below by way of example.

EXAMPLE:

Type of water slide	5	
Load of sliding person	1,5 kN/m	vertical
User speed v	16 m/s	
Length of load of application	1 m	radial
Radius of curve r	11,0 m	