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- *Part 4: Passenger boarding bridges;*
- *Part 5: Aircraft fuelling equipment (this document);*
- *Part 6: Deicers and de-icing/anti-icing equipment;*
- *Part 7: Air-craft movement equipment;*
- *Part 8: Maintenance or service stairs and platforms;*
- *Part 9: Container/Pallet loaders;*
- *Part 10: Container/Pallet transfer transporters;*
- *Part 11: Container/Pallet dollies and loose load trailers;*
- *Part 12: Potable water service equipment;*
- *Part 13: Lavatory service equipment;*

- *Part 14: Disabled/incapacitated passenger boarding vehicles;*
- *Part 15: Baggage and equipment tractors;*
- *Part 16: Air start equipment;*
- *Part 17: Air conditioning equipment;*
- *Part 18: Nitrogen or Oxygen units;*
- *Part 19: Aircraft jacks, axle jacks and hydraulic tail stanchions;*
- *Part 20: Electrical ground power units.*

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- a) Amendment A1:2009 was incorporated;
- b) the Introduction was updated in relation to the deviation from recommended criteria;
- c) the Scope was updated to cover reasonably foreseeable misuse;
- d) Clause 2, Normative references, was updated;
- e) the list of hazards was updated to exclude hazards due to traffic and repair and was moved to Annex A;
- f) Clause 5, Safety requirements and/or measures, was completely revised and changed;
- g) Subclause 5.6.5 Ergonomic aspects on AFE for fuel supply, was added
- h) Subclause 6.1, Marking, and Subclause 6.2 Additional marking, were changed;
- i) Clause 7, Verification of requirements, was updated;
- j) Annex D, Ancillary equipment to access the aircraft fuelling panel (refuelling ladder), was added;
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Introduction

This document specifies health and safety requirements, as well as some functional and performance requirements for aircraft fuelling equipment (AFE) intended for use on all aircraft types commonly in service in civil air transport.

The minimum essential criteria are considered to be of primary importance in providing safe, serviceable, economical and practical AFE. Deviations should occur only after careful consideration, extensive testing, risk assessment and thorough service evaluation have shown alternative methods or conditions to be satisfactory. Such deviations are outside the scope of this document and a manufacturer should be able to demonstrate an equivalent level of protection.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

This document is a type-C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organizations, market surveillance, etc.).

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- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises).

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In general, the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) is not applicable to AFE as they are not deemed to be used on public roads. However, certain requirements have been added in an informative Annex E.

The use of AFE on public roads is not intended with the following exceptions:

- a) transportation of fuel from tank farms to refuelling areas out of the airport premises;
- b) maintenance purposes with empty cargo tanks.

NOTE This could include the need of local traffic derogation (see ~~A1~~ EN 1915-1:2023 ~~A1~~, Introduction, f) — negotiation).

The intended functions of AFE are:

- c) loading fuel from the tank farm and/or a hydrant system to the AFE;
- d) storage and transportation of fuel;
- e) fuelling from the AFE to the aircraft;
- f) filtration of the fuel;
- g) metering the fuel for a transfer of custody;
- h) defuelling the aircraft to the AFE;
- i) flushing fuel from hydrant systems;
- j) unloading AFE to the tank farm after defuelling of an aircraft;
- k) transferring fuel from one AFE to another.

1 Scope

This document specifies the technical requirements to minimize the hazards listed in Clause 4 which can arise during the commissioning, operation and maintenance of AFE when used as intended, including misuse reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer, when carried out in accordance with the specifications given by the manufacturer or his authorized representative. It also takes into account some performance requirements recognized as essential by authorities, aircraft and ground support equipment (GSE) manufacturers as well as airlines, airports and fuelling companies.

This document applies to all types of aircraft fuelling equipment:

- a) aircraft refuellers,
- b) hydrant dispensers,
- c) defuellers,
- d) hydrant pit servicing vehicles,
- e) pit cleaner vehicles, and
- f) stationary dispensing units

intended to service aircraft with aviation fuels and to be operated on airfields, heliports and other aircraft refuelling related areas such as maintenance bases.

This document does not apply to:

- g) AFE whose only power source for aircraft refuelling is directly applied manual effort,
- h) hydrant systems, tank farms, pipework and underground tanks,
- i) specific hazards due to the operation of the AFE in a potentially explosive atmosphere, and
- j) built-in fire extinguisher systems.

No extra requirements on noise and vibration are provided other than those in EN 1915-3:2004+A1:2009 and EN 1915-4:2004+A1:2009.

NOTE EN 1915-3:2004+A1:2009 and EN 1915-4:2004+A1:2009 provide the general GSE vibration and noise requirements.

This document does not deal with hazards in respect to a standard automotive chassis and from other vehicles on the apron.

This document is not applicable to AFE which are manufactured before the date of publication of this document by CEN.

This part of the EN 12312 series when used in conjunction with [A1](#) EN 1915-1:2023 [A1](#), EN 1915-2:2001+A1:2009, EN 1915-3:2004+A1:2009 (for vehicles) and EN 1915-4:2004+A1:2009 provides the requirements for AFE.

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.

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EN 131-3:2018, *Ladders — Part 3: Marking and user instructions*

EN 131-7:2013, *Ladders — Part 7: Mobile ladders with platform*

EN 764-1:2015+A1:2016, *Pressure equipment — Part 1: Vocabulary*

EN 1915-1:2023 ^(A1), *Aircraft ground support equipment — General requirements — Part 1: Basic safety requirements*

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EN 1915-4:2004+A1:2009, *Aircraft ground support equipment — General requirements — Part 4: Noise measurement methods and reduction*

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ISO 102:1990, *Aircraft — Gravity filling orifices*

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EI 1542:2012, *Identification markings for dedicated aviation fuel manufacturing and distribution facilities, airport storage and mobile fuelling equipment*

EI 1584:2017, *Four-inch hydrant system components and arrangements*

EI 1596:2013, *Design and construction of aviation fuel filter vessels*

SAE AS 5877B, *Detailed Specification for Aircraft Pressure Refueling Nozzle*¹

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3 Terms and definitions

[A1] For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 12100:2010 and EN 1915-1:2023 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

aviation fuel

hydrocarbon type liquid used as fuel in an aircraft engine

3.1.1

jet fuel

kerosene type distillate fuel used in turbine engines

3.1.2

aviation gasoline

Avgas

gasoline for use in piston type aircraft engines

3.2

static dissipator additive

SDA

additive added to the fuel to increase its electrical conductivity

Note 1 to entry: Also known as conductivity improver or anti-static additive.

3.3

aircraft fuel control panel

aircraft mounted panel, used to control fuel distribution and quantities in aircraft tanks

3.4

refuelling

3.4.1

pressure refuelling

underwing refuelling

refuelling under positive pressure through a nozzle directly connected to the aircraft fuelling adapter

3.4.2

overwing refuelling

non-pressure refuelling

refuelling at atmospheric pressure through an overwing/trigger nozzle and entered into a fuel filling orifice

3.5 defuelling

function of removing fuel from an aircraft into a vehicle, usually through the aircraft refuelling adapters, which is subdivided into:

- pressure defuelling: when aircraft pumps are used to pump the fuel from the tanks of the aircraft to the AFE;
- suction defuelling: when AFE's pump is used to draw the fuel from the aircraft

Note 1 to entry: A combination of both may be used.

3.6 operational area

part of an airfield used for servicing aircraft

3.7 hydrant system

system of tanks, stationary pumps, valves, filters and pipework to supply fuel to the operational area where aircraft are refuelled

3.8 hydrant pit box

box set in the operational area which contains the hydrant pit valve or the low point or vent valve

3.9 hydrant pit coupler

device fitted to the intake hose to connect the hose to the hydrant pit valve

Note 1 to entry: The coupler may be fitted with additional devices such as deadman control, pressure control and an excess flow limiter.

3.10 hydrant pit valve

valve set in a hydrant pit box, equipped with an emergency shut-off device, to which the hydrant pit coupler can be attached

Note 1 to entry: The hydrant pit valve may be fitted with additional devices such as deadman control, pressure control valve or excess flow limiter.

3.11 intake hose

hose for fuel flow from the hydrant pit valve to the AFE

3.12 aircraft refuelling adapter

aircraft mounted adapter to which the pressure refuelling nozzle is connected

Note 1 to entry: A similar adapter may be used to connect loading hoses to an aircraft refueller.

3.13 intermediate connecting point

connecting point meant for connecting refuellers to fuelling hoses on a towable fuelling platform

3.14**stationary dispensing unit**

underground rising platform and/or fixed unit designed to refuel aircraft

3.15**aircraft fuelling equipment****AFE**

equipment used to handle aviation fuels on an airfield, including:

- aircraft refuellers;
- hydrant dispensers;
- defuellers;
- hydrant pit servicing vehicles;
- pit cleaner vehicles;
- stationary dispensing units

3.16**aircraft refueller**

self-propelled or towable vehicle designed to carry aviation fuel and capable of refuelling aircraft by means of an on-board pump

Note 1 to entry: Some aircraft refuellers are also capable of defuelling aircraft.

3.17**hydrant dispenser**

self-propelled or towable vehicle used to refuel aircraft requiring an external fuel supply with the hydrant system as pressure source

Note 1 to entry: Hydrant dispensers can be fitted with a boost pump where hydrant pressure is insufficient to provide adequate flow rates into the aircraft.

Note 2 to entry: A hydrant cart is considered as a hydrant dispenser.

3.18**self-loading/dual purpose refueller**

vehicle equipped to be self-loaded from the hydrant system or fitted out as a dual-purpose vehicle that can also be used as a hydrant dispenser, i.e. hydrant sourced fuel is delivered directly to the aircraft and not via the cargo tank

Note 1 to entry: In both cases, the refuellers are fitted with an intake hose and nozzle to connect to the hydrant pit valve.

3.19**defueller**

vehicle designed to defuel but not to refuel aircraft

3.20**hydrant pit servicing vehicle**

AFE designed to flush and test hydrant pit valves in situ as well as to flush and vent low and high points on the hydrant system

3.21

rigid vehicle

self-propelled chassis to which an aviation fuel tank is permanently attached

3.22

refuelling platform

fixed or moveable platform to enable the operator to gain access to the aircraft fuel control panel and aircraft refuelling adapters

Note 1 to entry: This may be an elevating platform, an extending structure or both, and may be part of or remote from an AFE.

3.23

specific fuelling equipment

part of the AFE comprising the fuel handling components, including, but not limited to:

- cargo tank,
- deadman systems,
- filtration,
- hoses,
- metering equipment,
- pipework,
- pressure control,
- pumps,
- sampling devices,
- valves

3.24

overwing/trigger nozzle

nozzle used for non-pressure fuelling and hand held in an open fuel filling orifice giving access to the aircraft fuel tank

3.25

pressure refuelling nozzle

quick disconnect device, used in pressure refuelling, fitted to the hose end, connecting hose and aircraft fuelling adapter

3.26

closed circuit overwing/trigger nozzle

nozzle connected mechanically to the fuel filling orifice which is vented to the atmosphere