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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for unfired pressure vessels and their parts made of titanium and titanium alloys in addition to the general requirements for unfired pressure vessels under EN 13445-1:2026 to EN 13445-5:2026.

NOTE 1 Cast materials, HIP and additive manufacturing are not included in this version. Details regarding such materials will be subject to an amendment to or a revision of this European Standard.

NOTE 2 Materials in Groups 51.4 and 54 are not included in this version.

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 764-5:2014, *Pressure equipment - Part 5: Inspection documentation of metallic materials and compliance with the material specification*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

EN 13445-1:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 1: General*

EN 13445-2:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 2: Materials*

EN 13445-3:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 3: Design*

EN 13445-4:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 4: Fabrication*

EN 13445-5:2026, *Unfired pressure vessels — Part 5: Inspection and testing*

EN ISO 148-1:2016, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 148-1:2016)*

EN ISO 9606-5:2000, *Approval testing of welders — Fusion welding — Part 5: Titanium and titanium alloys, zirconium and zirconium alloys (ISO 9606-5:2000)*

EN ISO 15614-5:2024, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 5: Arc welding of titanium, zirconium and their alloys (ISO 15614-5:2024)*

EN ISO 15614-8:2016, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test — Part 8: Welding of tubes to tube-plate joints (ISO 15614-8:2016)*

EN ISO 15608:2025, *Welding — Grouping system for metallic materials (ISO 15608:2025)*

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3 Terms, definitions, symbols and units

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, symbols and units given in EN 13445-1:2026 to EN 13445-5:2026 apply.

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

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

4 General requirements

The general requirements of EN 13445-1:2026 shall apply.

5 Materials

5.1 General

The general requirements of EN 13445-2:2026 shall apply with the following additions/exclusions in 5.2 to 5.5.

There are presently no European Standards or European Approval of Materials (EAMs) specifically for titanium and titanium alloys for pressure purposes. This document is therefore limited to the use of Particular Materials Appraisal (PMA).

5.2 Material specification

The material specification shall specify the composition limits for all constituents, heat treatment and the appropriate mechanical properties for acceptance and other purposes.

Only material having a minimum elongation after fracture of not less than 10 %, in its final fabricated state, shall be used for construction of pressure vessels. The specified minimum elongation after fracture shall be measured on a gauge length as defined in EN 13445-2:2026, 4.1.4.

NOTE To achieve this it can be necessary to start with a higher elongation after fracture, e.g. 14 %, prior to cold forming.

5.3 Material grouping system

EN 13445-2:2026, Annex A, is not applicable to pressure vessels of titanium and titanium alloys and is replaced by Annex A of this document.

The grouping system for titanium and titanium alloys shown in Table A.1 of this document is based on EN ISO 15608:2025. However, only the grades included in Annex B of this document are considered suitable for welded pressure vessel construction.

5.4 Material documentation

Materials for pressure bearing parts compliant with the requirements of this document shall be accompanied by inspection documentation in accordance with EN 10204:2004.

The type of inspection document shall be in accordance with EN 764-5:2014 and include an affirmation of compliance to the material specification.

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5.5 Prevention of brittle fracture

There are no general requirements for titanium and titanium alloys at temperatures down to

— −100 °C for group 51.1 and 51.2, and

— −60 °C for all other Groups.

Below these temperatures adequate toughness shall be demonstrated by impact testing of a Charpy-V-notch test specimen (according to EN ISO 148-1:2016) at a temperature not higher than the minimum metal temperature T_M achieving a mean impact energy *KV* of 27 J in the base material, welds, and heat affected zones. The impact tests shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of EN 13445-2:2026, B.3.

NOTE For practical reasons, a test temperature of −196 °C is commonly used for all impact testing of titanium and titanium alloys for any minimum metal temperature below −100 °C.

Alternatively, a fracture mechanics approach in line with EN 13445-2:2026, Annex B method 3 may be employed.

6 Design

6.1 General

All the requirements included in EN 13445-3:2026 shall apply, with the following amendments, given in 6.2 to 6.7.

Physical properties of titanium and titanium alloys are given in Annex D of this document.

6.2 Corrosion, erosion and protection

Unalloyed titanium and titanium alloys have outstanding resistance to a wide range of reducing, neutral and oxidizing corrosive media. As a general rule no allowance is required for pitting or general corrosion.

Caution is required in the design of joints and the selection of gasket materials where crevice corrosion could occur.

6.3 Joint coefficient

For normal operating load cases the value of joint coefficient *z* is given in Table 6.3-1. It is related to the testing group of the governing welded joints.

Testing groups are specified in 8.2 of this document.

Table 6.3-1 — Joint coefficient and corresponding testing group

z	1	0,8
Testing group	1	3

Testing groups 2 and 4 are not permitted for pressure vessels made of titanium and titanium alloys.

6.4 Time-independent nominal design stress

The design stress for titanium and titanium alloy materials entering service in the annealed condition following removal of test coupons at the material manufacturer's works, shall be derived in accordance with Table 6.4-1.

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Table 6.4-1 — Maximum allowed values of the nominal design stress for titanium and titanium alloy materials for pressure parts

Grade/group	Design stress for normal operating load cases	Design stress for testing and exceptional load cases
51.1 and 51.2	$f_d = \min\left(\frac{R_{p1,0/T}}{1,5}; \frac{R_{m/T}}{3}\right)$	$f_{test} = \left(\frac{R_{p1,0/T_{test}}}{1,05}\right)$
All others	$f_d = \min\left(\frac{R_{p0,2/T}}{1,5}; \frac{R_{m/T}}{3}\right)$	$f_{test} = \left(\frac{R_{p0,2/T_{test}}}{1,05}\right)$

For design temperatures not exceeding 50 °C, the value of the design stress derived at 20 °C may be used.

NOTE In case values of $R_{p\,1.0/T}$ are not available, $R_{p\,0,2/T}$ values can be used.

Tensile and other strength values at room temperature may be used at temperatures below 20 °C.

6.5 Creep design

Where guaranteed creep rupture data are available for the intended life of the vessel from the material specification or the material manufacturer, design stresses for normal operating load cases shall be obtained from Table 6.5-1.

Table 6.5-1 — Maximum allowed values of the nominal design stress for titanium and titanium alloy materials for pressure parts for creep design when guaranteed creep rupture data are available

Grade/group	Design stress for normal operating load cases
All	$f_d = \min\left(\frac{R_{p0,2/T}}{1,5}; \frac{R_{m/T/t}}{1,5}\right)$
$R_{m/T/t}$ is the mean creep rupture strength at calculation temperature T and lifetime t (EN 13445-3:2026, 19.3).	

Where creep data are not available, a safe design for a life of up to 100,000 h can be achieved by using the design stresses obtained from Table 6.4-1 but taking $R_{p0,2/T}$ in place of $R_{p\,1,0/T}$.

Unalloyed titanium and titanium alloys can exhibit time dependent deformation when loads are sustained for long periods near the proof stress value. Informative Annex E of this document gives typical properties.

NOTE Time-dependent deformation is particularly relevant where the design conditions result in $R_{m/T/t}/3$ exceeding 70 % of $R_{p0,2/T}$. In such circumstances, in order for the designer to consider the effect of those properties which influence time dependent deformation, it can be appropriate to take specialist metallurgical advice.

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