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Foreword

This document EN 13599:2002 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 "Copper and copper alloys", the Secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2002, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2002.

Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 5 "Copper for electrical purposes" to prepare the following standard:

EN 13599, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper plate, sheet and strip for electrical purposes.*

The products specified in this European Standard are those which are especially suitable for electrical purposes, i.e. with specified electrical properties. Copper plate, sheet and strip for general purposes are specified in EN 1652.

Annex A (informative) gives guidance on the characteristics of coppers for electrical purposes.

This is one of a series of European Standards for copper products for electrical purposes. Other copper products are specified as follows:

EN 13600, *Copper and copper alloys — Seamless copper tubes for electrical purposes.*

EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes.*

EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn, round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors.*

EN 13604, *Copper and copper alloys — Products of high conductivity copper for electronic tubes, semiconductor devices and vacuum applications.*

EN 13605, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper profiles and profiled wire for electrical purposes.*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the composition, property requirements including electrical properties, and tolerances on dimensions and form for copper plate, sheet and strip for electrical purposes with thicknesses from 0,05 mm up to and including 25 mm and widths from 10 mm up to and including 1 250 mm.

The sampling procedures, the methods of test for verification of conformity to the requirements of this standard, and the delivery conditions are also specified.

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 (including amendments).

EN 1655, *Copper and copper alloys — Declarations of conformity.*

EN 1976, *Copper and copper alloys — Cast unwrought copper products.*

EN 10002-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test (at ambient temperature).*

EN 10204, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents.*

EN ISO 2626, *Copper — Hydrogen embrittlement test (ISO 2626:1973).*

EN ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1:1997).*

EN ISO 7438, *Metallic materials — Bend test (ISO 7438:1985).*

ISO 1811-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 2: Sampling of wrought products and castings.*

NOTE Informative references to documents used in the preparation of this standard, and cited at the appropriate places in the text, are listed in the bibliography.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

plate

flat rolled product of rectangular cross-section with uniform thickness greater than 10 mm

3.2

sheet

flat rolled product of rectangular cross-section with uniform thickness from 0,2 mm up to and including 10 mm, supplied in straight lengths, usually with sheared or sawn edges. The thickness does not exceed one tenth of the width

3.3

strip

flat rolled product of rectangular cross-section with uniform thickness from 0,05 mm up to and including 5,0 mm manufactured in coil and supplied in as sheared coils, traverse wound coils or cut to length, usually with slit edges. The thickness does not exceed one tenth of the width

4 Designations

4.1 Material

4.1.1 General

The material is designated either by symbol or number (see Table 1).

4.1.2 Symbol

The material symbol designation is based on the designation system given in ISO 1190-1.

NOTE Although material symbol designations used in this standard might be the same as those in other standards using the designation system in ISO 1190-1, the detailed composition requirements are not necessarily the same.

4.1.3 Number

The material number designation is in accordance with the system given in EN 1412.

4.2 Material condition

For the purposes of this standard, the following designations, which are in accordance with the system given in EN 1173, apply for the material condition:

- M Material condition for the product as manufactured without specified mechanical properties;
- H... Material condition designated by the minimum value of hardness requirement for the product with mandatory hardness requirements;
- R... Material condition designated by the minimum value of tensile strength requirement for the product with mandatory tensile strength and elongation requirements.

NOTE Some R... material conditions in this standard apply to products which also have mandatory 0,2% proof strength requirements.

Exact conversion between material conditions designated H... and R... is not possible.

Material condition is designated by only one of the above designations.

4.3 Product

The product designation provides a standardized pattern of designation from which a rapid and unequivocal description of a product is conveyed in communication. It provides mutual comprehension at the international level with regard to products which meet the requirements of the relevant European Standard.

The product designation is no substitute for the full content of the standard.