

Portable fire extinguishers —

Part 1: Description, duration of operation, Class A and B fire test

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National foreword

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- *Part 1: Description, duration of operation, class A and B fire test;*
- *Part 2: Tightness, dielectric test, tamping test, special provisions;*
- *Part 3: Construction, resistance to pressure, mechanical tests;*
- *Part 4: Charges, minimum required fire;*
- *Part 5: Specification and supplementary tests;*
- *Part 6: Provisions for the attestation of conformity of portable fire extinguishers in accordance with EN 3-1 to EN 3-5.*

Cross-references

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EN 3-4:1996	Part 4:1996 <i>Charges, minimum required fire</i>
EN 3-5:1996	Part 5:1996 <i>Specifications and supplementary tests</i>
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Extincteurs d'incendie portatifs —
Partie 1: Appellation, durée de fonctionnement,
foyers-types des classes A et B

Tragbare Feuerlöscher —
Teil 1: Benennung, Funktionsdauer,
Prüfobjekte der Brandklassen A und B

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