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#### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the construction, dimensions and marking of covered serrated metal gaskets for use with flanges complying with prEN 1759-1 for Class 150, Class 300, Class 600, Class 900, Class 1500 and Class 2500 up to and including NPS 24.

This document does not extend to serrated covered metal based heat exchanger gaskets with pass bars or large vessel gaskets but, in the lack of a dedicated document for such gaskets, the principles set down can be applied to them.

NOTE 1 Dimensions of other types of gaskets for use with flanges to prEN 1759-1, EN 1759-3 and EN 1759-4 are given in EN 12560-1, EN 12560-2, EN 12560-3, EN 12560-4, EN 12560-5 and prEN 12560-7.

NOTE 2 Annex A lists information that should be supplied by the purchaser when ordering gaskets in circumstances where the choice of the gasket materials appropriate to the service is left to the supplier.

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prEN 1759-1, Flanges and their joints - Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, Class-designated - Part 1: Steel flanges, NPS 1/2 to 24.

EN 1759-3:2003, Flanges and their joints — Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, Class designated — Part 3: Copper alloy flanges.

EN ISO 6708:1995, Pipework components — Definition and selection of DN (nominal size) (ISO 6708:1995).

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 1759-3:2003, EN ISO 6708:1995 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

#### covered serrated metal gasket

consists of a sealing element with or without a location ring which may or may not be rigidly fixed to the sealing element. The sealing element consists of a metal core with serrated top and lower surfaces and a conformable sealing material adhered to each serrated surface. The serrations into metal core have the function of creating regions of high surface pressure on the conformable sealing material to ensure the required level of tightness in service. The density of the sealing material in the serrations during service should also be high enough to ensure that secondary sealing is provided by the impermeable nature of the material between the tips of the serrations. In service the thickness of the sealing material over the serrations is minimal, often about 0,1 mm. The widths of the tips of the serrations should also be of the order of 0,1 mm

**3.2 DN** see EN ISO 6708

**3.3 NPS** see EN 1759-3

**3.4 class** see EN 1759-3

#### 4 Designations

#### 4.1 Range of class designations

Gaskets shall be designated as suitable for use with one or more of the following class designations of flange:

Class 150, Class 300, Class 400, Class 600, Class 900, Class 1500 and Class 2500

#### 4.2 Range of gasket sizes

Gasket nominal sizes shall also be designated in accordance with the ranges specified in Table 1.

The general principles described in this standard shall also be applied to gaskets outside of the range specified in Table 1 by agreement between supplier and customer.

#### 4.3 Gasket types

Gasket types, as illustrated in Figure 1, shall be designated as:

Type NR: Sealing element without any location ring.

Type IR: Sealing element with integral location ring.

Type LR: Sealing element with loose location ring.

Type NR is used only with spigot faced or tongue & groove faced flanges.

#### 4.4 Information to be supplied by the purchaser

The selection of gasket materials and type should take into account the fluid, the operating conditions and the properties of the gasket materials as well as the type of flange. It is recommended that selection of a gasket for any particular application is made in consultation with the gasket supplier who will advise on the materials required for a particular service (see annex A).

#### 5 Constructional details

#### 5.1 General details

Figure 1 gives illustrations of the cores and, where used, the location rings of the three types of covered serrated metal gasket listed in 4.3.

Figure 2 shows a typical covered serrated metal gasket for use with type A and type B flanges, the Type A and B flange facings are specified in prEN 1759-1.

#### **5.2** Core

#### 5.2.1 Core materials

The material of the core shall be selected to be compatible with the intended service. The core thickness measured over the tips of the serrations shall be a minimum of three times the depth of the serrations.

#### 5.2.2 Core welding

If the core is of a welded construction then the method of welding shall be such as to ensure that the weld is throughout the full thickness of the core. The number of welds shall not be more than two.

#### 5.2.3 Dressing of core welds

The welds shall be dressed to preserve the number and depth of the serrations of the rest of the core.

#### 5.2.4 Core flatness

The out of flatness of the serrated core shall not be more than 3 mm for every 300 mm of outside diameter.

#### 5.3 Serrations

The serration depth shall be a minimum of 0,4 mm. The pitch of the serration and the width of the serration shall be arranged so that the width of the tips is 0,1 mm. The first and last tips of the serrated core should be as near as possible to the respective edges of the core.

Proprietary forms of serrations and core profiles may be used by agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer.

To reduce the possibility of vibration induced cracking of the core, the radius at the bottom of the grooves shall be as large as possible.

#### 5.4 Location rings

#### 5.4.1 Integral ring

The thickness of the integral ring shall be a minimum of twice the serration depth. The location ring shall be undercut on at least one side to protect the sealing element in the event of thermal expansion induced interference between the location ring and the bolts of the flange.

#### 5.4.2 Loose ring

The thickness of the location ring shall be a minimum of 0,5 mm. When installed the ring shall be sufficiently loose in the location slot in the core so that thermal expansion effects never cause the ring to become tight in the location slot. The location ring may be made in sections and assembled around the core. The sections of the assembled ring shall be either welded together or otherwise securely held together. The material of the loose location ring may be carbon steel.

#### 5.5 Facing materials

The facing material shall be selected to be suitable for the intended service and the material of the flanges. Suitable materials range from very soft, rubber bound, sheet material to metal foils.

The facing material may be cut from sheet to the appropriate size, applied in the form of texturised tape or by any other means that meets the other requirements of this standard.

#### 5.6 Facing weight per unit area

The weight per unit area of facing in order to create the required level of tightness in service is a function of the thickness and density of the facing material, the depth, width and pitch of the serrations, the required in service density of the facing material and the thickness of facing required above the core in service. The weight per unit area shall be such that metal to metal contact between the tips of the serrations and the flange surface is avoided.

For guidance, a satisfactory level of sealing is routinely achieved with graphite of 0,5 mm thickness and a density of 1,0 gm/cm<sup>3</sup> as received when used with a core where the serrations are 0,4 mm in depth and the serration tip width is 0,1 mm.

Ignoring the effects of the thickness of any adhesive and the grooving of the flange surfaces, the target weight per unit area of facing can be estimated from the following:

Weight per unit area =  $\rho_s$  [t + (A<sub>G</sub>/P)]

Where  $\tilde{n}_s$  is the required density of the facing in service

t is the required thickness in service of facing above the core

A<sub>G</sub> is the cross sectional area, perpendicular to the plane of the core, of the serrations

P is the pitch of the serrations

#### 5.7 Attachment of facing

#### 5.7.1 Methods of attachment

The facing may be attached to the core by any means that satisfies the requirement of 5.8 provided that the attachment method does not result in the introduction of any component that is likely to initiate corrosion.

#### 5.7.2 De-greasing of core

Where an adhesive is used the area of the core to which the facings are to be glued shall be de-greased before use of the adhesive and the amount of the adhesive used shall be minimised.

#### 5.7.3 Number of joins

The number of joins in the facing material shall be minimised and shall never exceed two. At joins the facing material shall be overlapped or the two parts chamfered or, where a butt joint is used, the join may be overlapped with a thin layer of the tape.

#### 5.7.4 Excessive facing

Once the sealing faces have been applied any excess material shall be removed paying particular attention that none protrudes inside of the inner diameter of the gasket.

#### 5.8 Integrity of facing attachment

The facing material and the method of attachment shall be selected so that the facing is held securely in place and will withstand reasonable handling during transport and location of the gasket in the flange.

The sealing face shall also be free of surface blemishes, defects and damage that would impair the sealing performance of the gasket.

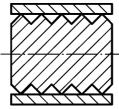
#### 5.9 Typical construction details

Commonly used details for Figure 2 are:

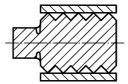
- a Core thickness 4,0 mm
- b Groove depth 0,4 mm
- c Location ring thickness 0,5 mm
- d Facing material thickness 0,5 mm
- e Tip width 0,1 mm

Facing density 1,0 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>

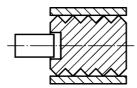
NOTE The selection of gasket type should take into account the fluid, the operating conditions and the properties of the gasket materials. It is recommended that selection of gasket type of any particular application is in consultation with the gasket supplier (see annex A).



a) Type NR: Sealing element with no locating ring



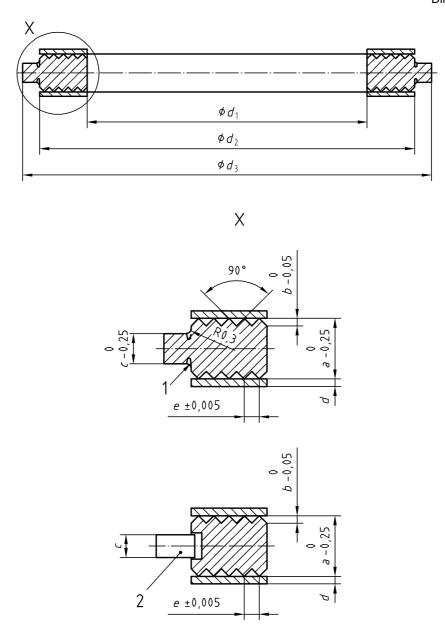
b) Type IR: Sealing element with integral locating ring



c) Type LR: Sealing element with loose locating ring

Figure 1 — Covered serrated metal gasket types with sealing facings

Dimensions in millimetres



#### Key

- 1 Integral locating ring
- 2 Loose locating ring

Figure 2 — Typical covered serrated metal gasket with sealing layer

#### 6 Dimensions

The diameters of covered serrated gaskets, for use with types A and B flange facings, shall be as given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Dimensions of covered serrated metal gaskets for type A and type B flanges

Dimensions in millimetres

Sealing el	ement oute	r diameter	150	300	400	600	900	1 500	2 500
NPS in	I/D	O/D	Location ring outer diameter						
1/2	23,0	33,3	44,4	50,8	50,8	50,8	60,3	60,3	66,7
3/4	28,6	39,7	53,9	63,5	63,5	63,5	66,7	66,7	73,0
1	36,5	47,6	63,5	69,8	69,8	69,8	76,2	76,2	82,5
11⁄4	44,4	60,3	73,0	79,4	79,4	79,4	85,7	85,7	101,6
1½	52,4	69,8	82,5	92,1	92,1	92,1	95,2	95,2	114,3
2	69,8	88,9	101,6	108,0	108,0	108,0	139,7	139,7	142,8
2½	82,5	101,6	120,6	127,0	127,0	127,0	161,9	161,9	165,1
3	98,4	123,8	133,4	146,1	146,1	146,1	165,1	171,5	193,7
3½	111,1	136,5	158,8	161,9	158,7	158,7	_	_	_
4	123,8	154,0	171,5	177,8	174,6	190,5	203,2	206,4	231,7
5	150,8	182,6	193,7	212,7	209,5	238,1	244,5	250,8	276,2
6	177,8	212,7	219,1	247,7	244,5	263,5	285,8	279,4	314,3
8	228,6	266,7	276,2	304,8	301,6	317,5	355,6	349,3	384,1
10	282,6	320,7	336,5	358,8	355,6	396,9	431,8	431,8	473,0
12	339,7	377,8	406,4	419,1	415,9	454,0	495,3	517,5	546,1
14	371,5	409,6	447,7	482,6	479,4	488,9	517,5	574,7	_
16	422,3	466,7	511,2	536,6	533,4	561,9	571,5	638,1	
18	479,4	530,2	546,1	593,7	590,5	609,6	635,0	701,7	_
20	530,2	581,0	603,2	650,9	644,5	679,5	695,3	752,4	_
22	581,0	631,8	657,2	701,7	698,5	730,3	_	_	_
24	631,8	682,6	714,4	771,5	765,2	787,4	835,0	898,5	_

Diameter tolerances for Table 1:

Up to 1 000 mm OD + 0/- 0,4 mm ID + 0,4 mm/- 0

Above 1 000 mm OD + 0/- 1,0 mm

ID + 1,0 mm/- 0

#### 7 Marking

The gasket location ring shall be marked with the following information:

- a) manufacturer's name or trademark
- b) nominal size (see Table 1)
- c) Class designation (see Table 1)
- d) abbreviations given in Table 2 for the metallic sealing element core, the soft gasket covering layers and where applicable, the loose location ring.

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EXAMPLE AAA/BBB — NPS 4 — Class 150 — XXX
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The gasket shall be identified either individually or on the packaging containing the gasket(s) with the number of the European Standard i. e. EN 12560-6.

#### 8 Colour coding

Covered serrated metal gaskets shall be marked with a colour code that identifies the metallic sealing element core and the soft gasket covering layers. The relevant colours that shall be used are shown in Table 2.

Where the thickness of the location ring is sufficient a continuous colour around the outer location ring shall identify the metallic sealing element core. Intermittent strips around the outer location ring shall identify the soft gasket covering layers.

For sizes below NPS 1.5, gaskets will have a minimum of 2 strips-180° apart.

For sizes above NPS 1.5, gaskets will have a minimum of 4 strips-90° apart.

Where the thicknesses do not allow the clear marking of the edge of the ring or the core then the marking shall be on the upper and lower surfaces of the location ring.

#### 9 Packaging

The packaging shall be sufficient to protect the sealing faces from damage during shipment and subsequent handling before installation. Large diameter gaskets shall be securely mounted on a carrier board or within a protective framework.

Table 2 — Colour coding and abbreviations for covered serrated metal gasket materials

Material	Abbreviation	Colour code					
Metal of							
Carbon steel	CRS	Silver					
X4CrNi18-10 (1.4301)	304	Yellow					
X2CrNi19-11 (1.4306)	304L	No colour					
X15CrNiSi20-12 (1.4828)	309	No colour					
X15CrNiSi25-20 (1.4841)	310	No colour					
X5CrNiMo17-12-2 (1.4401)	316	Green					
X2CrNiMo17-12-2 (1.4404)	316L	Green					
X6CrNiNb18-10 (1.4550)	347	Blue					
X6CrNiTi18-10 (1.4541)	321	Turquoise					
X6Cr17 (1.4016)	430	No colour					
NiCu30Fe (2.4360)	MON	Orange					
Ni99.2 (2.4066)	Ni	Red					
Titanium	TI	Purple					
NiMo28 (2.4617)	HAST B	Brown					
NiMo16Cr15W (2.4819)	HAST C	Beige					
NiCr15Fe (2.4816)	INC 600	Gold					
NiCr22Mo9Nb (2.4856)	INC 625	Gold					
X10NiCrA/Ti32-20 (1.4876)	IN 800	White					
NiCr21Mo (2.4858)	IN 825	White					
Soft gasket covering layers							
Flexible graphite	F. G.	Grey stripe					
PTFE	PTFE	White stripe					
Non asbestos	Mfg's designation	Pink stripe					
Phyllosilicate	Mfg's designation	Light blue stripe					
	•	•					

NOTE Other materials can be used by agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer. In this case it is recommended that a colour code be agreed between the two parties.

# Annex A

(informative)

### Information to be supplied by the purchaser

Before ordering a gasket it is recommended that the selection of the gasket type and materials should be made in consultation with the gasket supplier. This selection should take account of the fluid, the properties of the gasket materials, the service temperature and the flange type and flange materials.

The following information should be supplied by the purchaser when ordering gaskets:

- a) number and part of this European standard, i.e. EN 12560-6
- b) gasket type
- c) nominal size DN (see Table 1)
- d) class designation (see Table 1)
- e) required gasket materials or expected operating conditions for applications where the gasket manufacturer is required to select gasket materials
- f) type, thickness and density of facing material
- g) type of metal for core and, where appropriate, for the locating ring.

# Annex B

(informative)

# The use of metric bolting with class designated covered serrated metal gaskets

#### **B.1 General**

Whilst it is not recommended, if users prefer or require to use metric bolting in lieu of the intended imperial bolting the comparison between the bolt sizes for the two series given in B.2 is the one agreed in the preparation of ISO 7005. If using metric bolts in place of imperial then the guidance notes on gasket assembly in B.3 should be carefully observed. B.4 details the precise differences between the bolts of the two series and is provided for information.

#### **B.2 Comparable imperial & metric bolt sizes**

Imperial	1/2	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1 1/8	1 1/4	1 ½
Metric	M14	M16	M20	M24	M27	M30	M33	M39

#### B.3 Gasket assembly guidance with metric bolting

**WARNING:** Users should note that the centring of an inside bolt circle gasket in an assembled Class designated flange joint will be affected when using metric bolting. In bolt sizes up to and including 1½ the metric sizes tend to be larger in diameter whilst above this they tend to be smaller. It is essential therefore that great care be taken to ensure that gaskets are centred properly.

However, with care, and dependent on the tolerances which have been used, it should be possible to fit the normal imperial dimensioned gasket when using metric bolting in existing imperial holes.

#### B.4 Imperial/metric bolt comparisons

To enable users to ascertain precisely the difference between the two systems the information below is given for reference.

	Bolt Diameter [mm]		Bolt hole diameter [mm]	Clearances [mm]
Imperial	Metric	Difference	Imperial	Metric bolt in imperial hole
12,70	14,00	+ 1,30	15,88	1,88
15,88	16,00	+ 0,12	19,05	3,05
19,05	20,00	+ 0,95	22,23	2,23
22,23	24,00	+ 1,77	25,40	1,40
25,40	27,00	+ 1,60	28,58	1,58
28,58	30,00	+ 1,42	31,75	1,75
31,75	33,00	+ 1,25	34,93	1,93
38,10	39,00	+ 0,90	41,28	2,28

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