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## Foreword

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This European Standard *Railway applications — Tank wagons* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Identification plates for tank wagons for the carriage of dangerous goods;*
- *Part 2: Bottom emptying devices for liquid products including vapour return;*
- *Part 3: Bottom filling and emptying devices for gases liquefied under pressure;*
- *Part 4: Devices for top filling and emptying of liquid products;*
- *Part 5: Devices for vapour return while filling or emptying of liquid products;*
- *Part 6: Manholes;*
- *Part 7: Platforms and ladders;*
- *Part 8: Heating connections.*

The changes made during this revision are editorial because of the change of the title of part 1 and the necessary updates of references.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard applies to manholes on tank wagons used for the transport of dangerous substances. Safety functions of these devices are subject to RID requirements and not described in this document.

This European Standard specifies the dimensions for the interchangeability of seals and other wearing parts and defines also the important dimensions for:

- manholes for gas tank wagons located in one end of the tank;
- manholes for gas tank wagons located on the top of the tank including the arrangement of fittings;
- bolted manholes for tank wagons for liquid substances located on the top of the tank;
- swing bolt manholes for tank wagons for liquid substances located on the top of the tank.

Quick closing/opening manholes are permitted but are not covered by this European Standard.

This European Standard applies to new tank wagons built after the 1st January 2010.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 14025, *Tanks for the transport of dangerous goods — Metallic pressure tanks — Design and Construction*

EN 14564, *Tanks for transport of dangerous goods – Terminology*

EN 20898-2, *Mechanical properties of fasteners — Part 2: Nuts with specified proof load values — Coarse thread (ISO 898-2:1992)*

EN ISO 286-1, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes — Part 1: Basis of tolerances, deviations and fits (ISO 286-1:2010)*

EN ISO 898-1, *Mechanical properties of fasteners made of carbon steel and alloy steel — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs with specified property classes — Coarse thread and fine pitch thread (ISO 898-1:2009)*

EN ISO 4287, *Geometrical product specification (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters (ISO 4287:1997)*

ISO 7005-1:1992, *Metallic flanges — Part 1: Steel flanges*

ISO 9669, *Series 1 freight containers; Interface connections for tank containers*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14564 and the following apply.

### 3.1 manhole

opening in the tank which includes the sealing, the manlid and fastenings

## **4 Requirements**

### **4.1 Threaded fasteners**

The threaded fasteners used for manholes shall conform to the requirements of EN ISO 898-1 and EN 20898-2.

NOTE To avoid any crack or damage of a tank in case of an accident, it is recommended to use only threaded fasteners with no sharp edges and only in the shortest possible length.

### **4.2 Dimensions**

Nominal diameter of manhole shall be  $\geq 500$  mm. The figures of this document are given for a nominal diameter of manhole equal to 500 mm, Values depending on the diameter of the manhole shall be adapted to the nominal diameter

All dimensions are given in millimetres. Unless otherwise indicated in this European Standard, tolerances of EN ISO 286-1 apply for all dimensions.

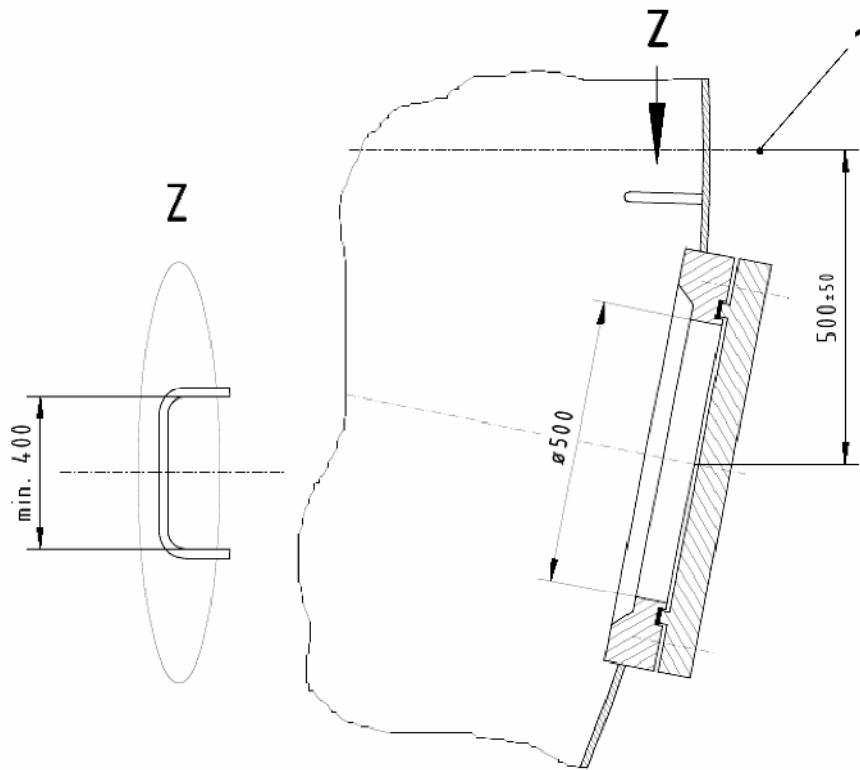
## **5 End fitted manhole for gas tank wagons**

### **5.1 Position of manhole**

The centre of the manhole shall be positioned on the longitudinal centre line of one end of the tank wagon. For easier access inside the tank, it is recommended that it is positioned according to Figure 1.

NOTE For easier access to the tank, one handle above the manhole and inside the tank should be fitted.

Dimensions in millimetres



## Key

1 centre line of the tank

Figure 1 — Positioning of manhole

## 5.2 Ring and plate

### 5.2.1 General

Ring and plate shall be calculated according to EN 14025.

The plate shall be equipped with a minimum of one lifting point.

### 5.2.2 Dimensions

Dimensions shall be in accordance with Figure 2.



Dimensions in millimetres

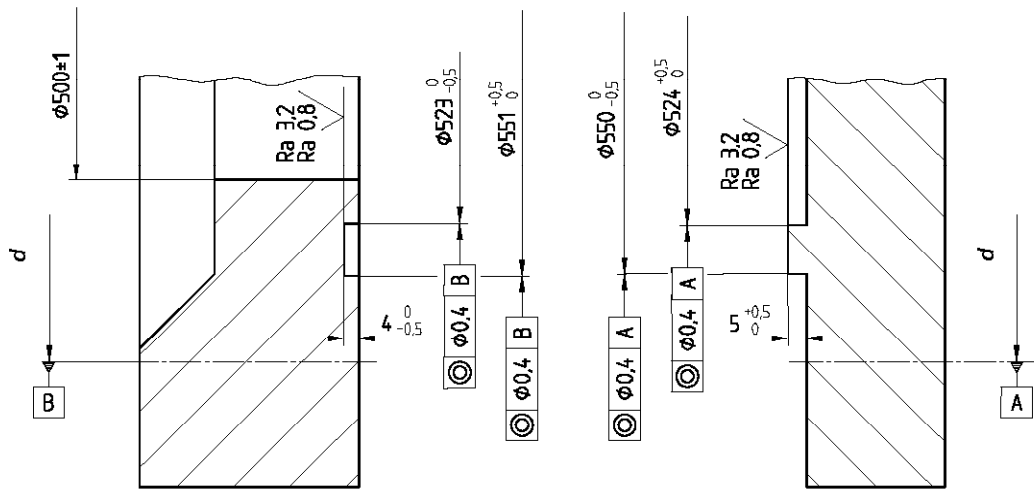


Figure 2 — Dimensions of ring and plate

### 5.2.3 Surface parameters

To ensure static liquid tightness and interchangeability of gaskets the maximum profile height (Rt) of surface defects according to EN ISO 4287 of gasket seat shall be less than 16  $\mu\text{m}$ .

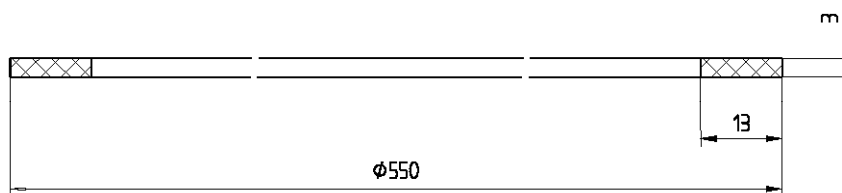
### 5.2.4 Tolerances

Non specified tolerances shall be in accordance with those of flanges DN 500 of ISO 7005-1:1992.

## 5.3 Gaskets

The dimensions of the gasket shall be in accordance with Figure 3.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Figure 3 — Gasket dimensions**

The average outside diameter obtained by measurements on two perpendicular diameters shall be 550 mm with a limit deviation of (0/- 1,5) mm.

For flat gaskets made from fibre/elastomer or plastics, the thickness limit deviation is  $\pm 0,20$  mm.

For metal plastics gaskets, the thickness limit deviation is (+ 0,5/ 0) mm.

## 6 Top fitted manhole for gas tank wagons

This manhole is for gas tank wagons for which RID does not permit openings below the surface level of the liquid.

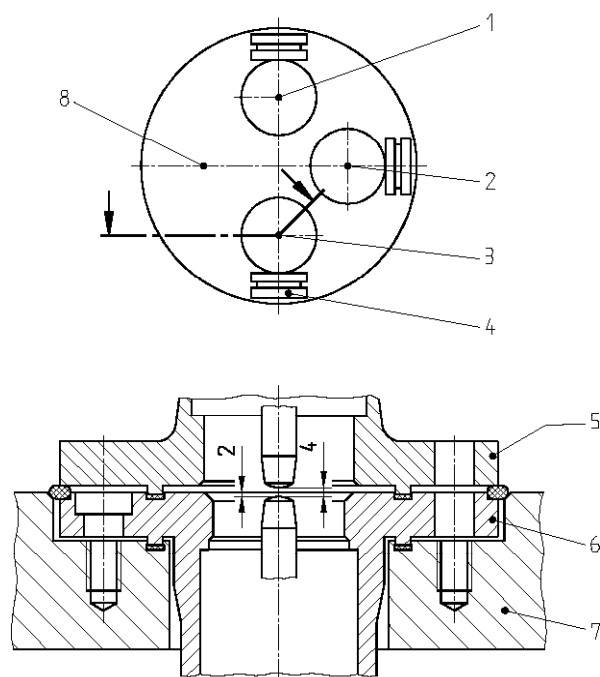
Standard flanges DN 500 of ISO 7005-1:1992 and corresponding gaskets shall be used. Ring and plate shall be calculated according to EN 14025.

The manlid shall be fitted with equipment defined in Figure 4, Figure 5 and Figure 6. The manlid shall be equipped with a minimum of three lifting points.

All connecting and blind flanges of the external valves shall conform to face B of ISO 7005-1:1992.

The liquid phase valves shall be painted red.

Dimensions in millimetres

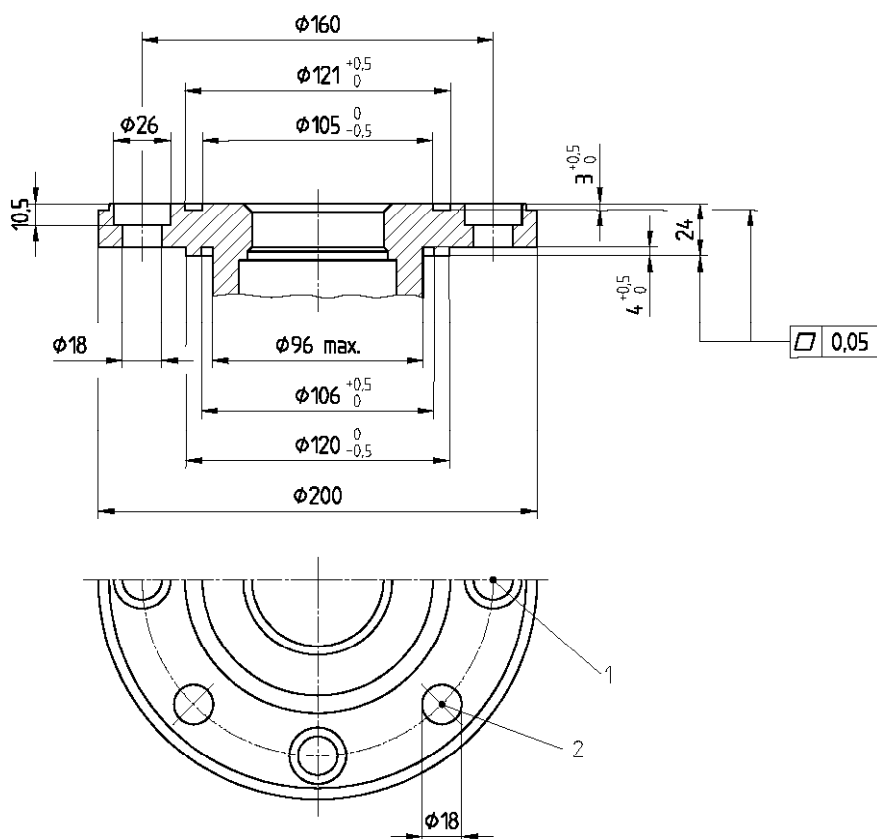


**Key**

- 1 liquid phase
- 2 gas phase
- 3 liquid phase
- 4 valves, connecting flange DN 40 PN 40 Type 21A, blind flange 4 valves, connecting flange DN 40 PN 40 Type 21A, blind flange
- 5 external valve flange
- 6 internal valve flange
- 7 manhole cover
- 8 tank wagon longitudinal axis

**Figure 4 — Arrangement of valves on manlid**

Dimensions in millimetres

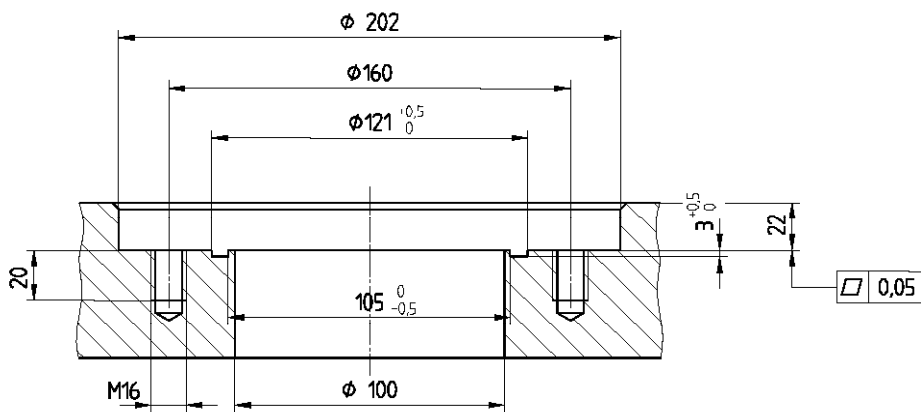


**Key**

- 1 4 holes for hexagon socket head cap screws M 16
- 2 4 holes for stud M 16

**Figure 5 — Dimensions of internal valve flange**

Dimensions in millimetres



**Figure 6 — Dimensions of recess in the manlid for internal valve flange**

## 7 Bolted manhole for liquid substances

Standard flanges DN 500 according to ISO 7005-1:1992 and corresponding gaskets shall be used. Ring and plate shall be calculated according to EN 14025.

The manlid shall be fitted with at least two lifting points, If handles are used, they shall be in accordance with Figure 7.

Nozzles for loading or unloading on manlid are permitted.

Dimensions in millimetres

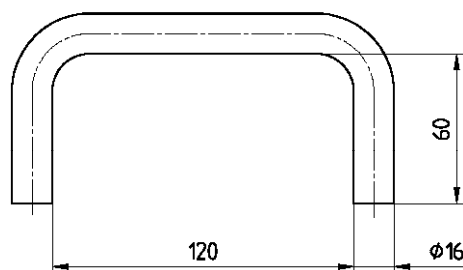


Figure 7 — Manlid handle - minimum dimensions

## 8 Swing bolt manholes for liquid substances

### 8.1 General

Swing bolts manholes shall either be in accordance with this European Standard or with ISO 9669.

Swing bolt manholes with four wing nuts according to Figure 8 are not allowed on tank wagons with a test pressure greater than 0,4 MPa.

### 8.2 General arrangement

Where tank wagons with a test pressure up to 0,4 MPa are fitted with a swing bolt manhole, this manhole shall be in accordance with Figure 8. They shall be fitted with swing bolts and wing nuts in accordance with 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5.

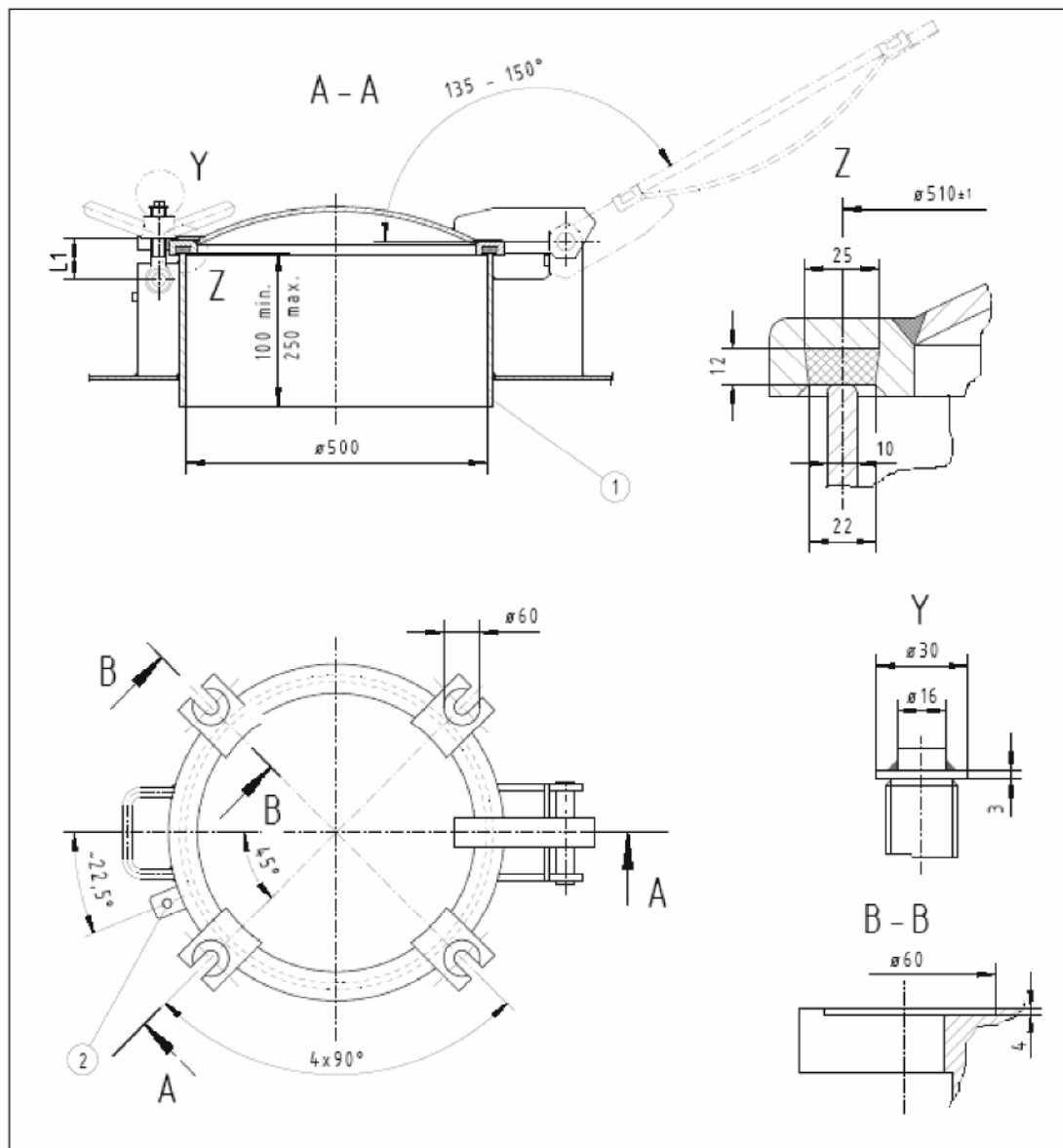
There shall be sufficient clearance around the manhole hinge pin to allow the manlid seal to seat evenly.

Dimension  $l_1$  from Figure 8 shall allow easy release of the swing bolt.

The top surface of the neck ring shall be in the horizontal plane.

The manlid shall be equipped with a device which will release tank pressure prior to the swing bolts being swung down. An example to achieve this is given in Figure 8 cross section BB.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- 1 hole for venting
- 2 hole with diameter 15 for custom sealing

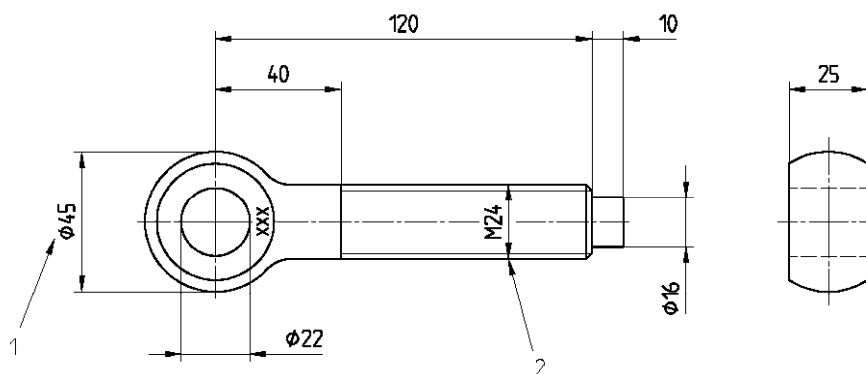
**Figure 8 — Main dimensions for swing bolt manholes**

Type and space for connections could be different with agreement between customer and manufacturer.

**8.3 Swing bolts**

Swing bolts shall be in accordance with Figure 9.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

- 1 head spherical
- 2 cold rolled thread

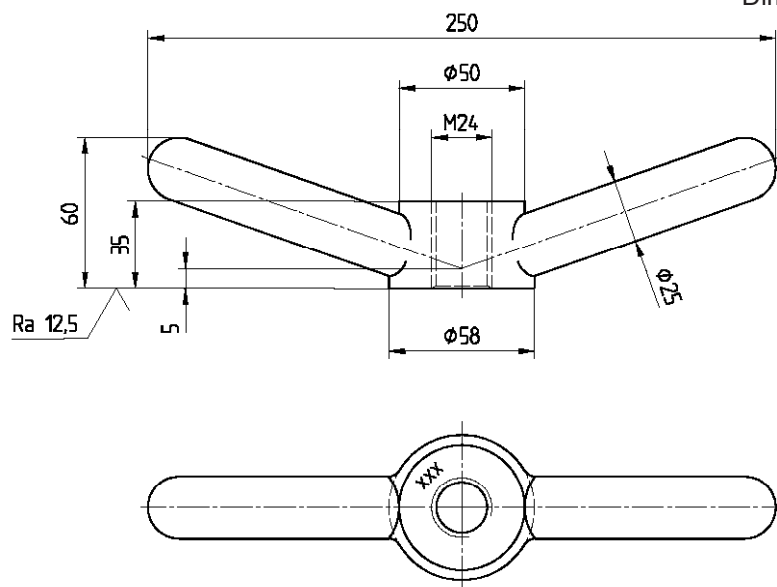
Class of the bolt according to EN ISO 898-1.

**Figure 9 — Swing bolt**

**8.4 Wing nuts**

Wing nuts shall be in accordance with Figure 10.

Dimensions in millimetres



Class of the nut according to EN 20898-2.

**Figure 10 — Wing nut**

### 8.5 Swing bolt hinge pin

The hinge pin shall have a diameter of 20 mm and shall be removable without heating or cutting. It shall be capable of being customs sealed.

### 8.6 Gasket

The dimensions of the gasket shall be in accordance with Figure 11 ( $\varnothing 535$  is valid only for  $\varnothing 500$  manhole).

Dimensions in millimetres

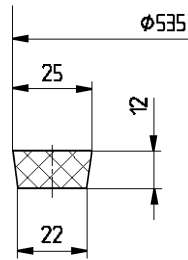


Figure 11 — Gasket dimensions



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