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Foreword

This document (EN 13763-7:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 321 "Explosives for civil uses", the secretariat of which is held by AENOR.

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prEN 13763-26 Part 26: Definitions, methods and requirements for devices and accessories for reliable and safe

function of detonators and relays

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Introduction

During normal use on site, the crimps/closures of detonators and their leading wires or shock tubes can be subjected to pulling forces. Such forces can cause a pullout of internal components of the detonator. For example:

- the shock tube can be pulled out of the detonator through the sealing plug;
- the leading wires, fusehead and sealing plug can be pulled out of the shell as one unit;
- the leading wires with fusehead connected to them can pull out through the sealing plug;
- the leading wires can break, or the joint between fusehead and wires break inside the sealing plug, so that the wires pull out leaving the fusehead loose inside the shell.

A pullout would either cause the detonator to explode, or would render it incapable of functioning.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the ability of detonator leading wires/shock tubes, and their connections into the crimp/closure or sealing arrangement, to withstand a pullout when subjected to a pulling force.

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 13857-1:2003; Explosives for civil uses — Part 1: Terminology.

EN ISO/IEC 17025; General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:1999).

3 Terms and definitions

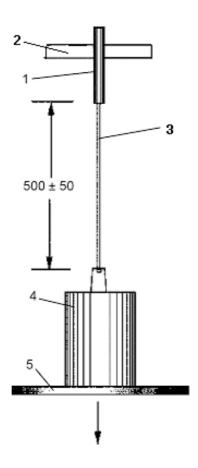
For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 13857-1:2003 apply.

4 Apparatus

The apparatus comprises the following components as shown in Figure 1:

- 4.1 Fixing point for the detonator.
- **4.2 Weight(s)** to be attached to the leading wires or shock tubes, suitable for applying forces of 40 or 100 N.
- 4.3 Moveable support table.

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

- 1 Detonator
- 2 Fixing point for detonator
- 3 Leading wires or shock tube
- 4 Weight(s)
- 5 Movable support table

Figure 1 – Test apparatus

5 Test pieces

5.1 Electric detonators

Select 40 assemblies of each specific type, whose dimensions, shell material, leading wires, construction and crimp/closure are of the same design, but primary charge/base charge, delay compositions and fuseheads may vary.

5.2 Non electric detonators

Select 20 assemblies of each specific type, whose dimensions, shell material, shock tube, construction and crimp/closure are of the same design, but primary charge/base charge and delay composition may vary.

6 Procedure

6.1 General

The tests shall be carried out at the highest operating temperature claimed by the manufacturer.

6.2 Sudden release test

6.2.1 Electric detonators

Test 20 assemblies. Attach the detonator shell to the fixing point and attach the leading wires to weights of total mass corresponding to a force of (40 ± 0.1) N. Let the weights rest on the supporting table, in such a manner that a slight tension, of about 5 N, is applied and so that the distance between the detonator and the attachment to the weights is (500 ± 50) mm.

Ensure that the leading wires are attached to the weights in such a manner that the force will be evenly distributed between them. Release the weights so that the full load is applied instantly and maintain the load for (120 ± 5) s.

Record whether or not the detonator fires during the test. Record whether or not the leading wires break and/or whether a pullout has occurred.

6.2.2 Non electric detonators

Test 20 assemblies. Attach the detonator shell to the fixing point and attach the shock tube to weights of total mass corresponding to a force of (40 ± 0.1) N. Let the weights rest on the supporting table, in such a manner that a slight tension, of about 5 N, is applied and so that the distance between the detonator and the attachment to the weights is (500 ± 50) mm. Release the weights so that the full load is applied instantly and maintain the load for (120 ± 5) s.

Record whether or not the detonator fires during the test. Record whether or not the shock tube breaks and/or whether a pullout has occurred.

6.3 Slow release test (electric detonators only)

Test 20 assemblies. Attach the detonator shell to the fixing point and attach the leading wires to weights of total mass corresponding to a force of (100 ± 1) N. Let the weights rest on the supporting table, in such a manner that a slight tension of about 5 N is applied, and so that the distance between the detonator and the attachment to the weights is (500 ± 50) mm. Ensure that the leading wires are attached to the weights in such a manner that the force will be evenly distributed between them. Release the weights slowly until the full load is applied and maintain that load for 10 s. Record whether or not the detonator fires during the test. Record whether or not the leading wires break or whether a pullout has occurred.

6.4 Functioning test after sudden release test

After tests carried out as specified in 6.2.1 and 6.2.2, fire each remaining detonator of which the leading wires or shock tube are intact and no pullout has occurred, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Record whether the detonators fire or not.

7 Test report

The test report shall conform to EN ISO/IEC 17025. In addition the following information shall be given:

- a) the temperature at which the tests are carried out;
- b) any detonation recorded in the sudden release test or the slow release test;
- number of detonators where leading wires or shock tube break and/or a pullout occurs in the sudden release test:
- d) number of wires that break and/or number of pullouts in the slow release test;
- e) number of detonators that do not fire in the functioning test.

Annex A (informative)

Range of applicability of the test method

Range of applicability of the test method: - 30 $^{\circ}$ C to + 80 $^{\circ}$ C.

Annex ZA

(informative)

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