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## Foreword

This document (EN 13920-3:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 132, "Aluminium and aluminium alloys", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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- ¾ *Part 1: General requirements, sampling and tests*
- ¾ *Part 2: Unalloyed aluminium scrap*
- ¾ *Part 3: Wire and cable scrap*
- ¾ *Part 4: Scrap consisting of one single wrought alloy*
- ¾ *Part 5: Scrap consisting of two or more wrought alloys of the same series*
- ¾ *Part 6: Scrap consisting of two or more wrought alloys*
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- ¾ *Part 10: Scrap consisting of used aluminium beverage cans*
- ¾ *Part 11: Scrap consisting of aluminium-copper radiators*
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- ¾ *Part 14: Scrap from post-consumer aluminium packagings*
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- ¾ *Part 16: Scrap consisting of skimmings, drosses, spills and metallics*

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies characteristics, chemical composition and metal yield of new and old scrap recovered from wire or cable of unalloyed aluminium with a chemical composition not less than 99,5 % aluminium, or of defined aluminium alloys.

Example

New scrap from manufacturing of cables and wires.

Old scrap from used aluminium cables obtained from dismantling of electrical lines.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 1715-1, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Drawing stock — Part 1: General requirements and technical conditions for inspection and delivery.*

prEN 12258-3:2000, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Terms and definitions — Part 3: Scrap.*

EN 13920-1:2003, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Scrap — Part 1: General requirements, sampling and tests.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in prEN 12258-3:2000 and EN 13920-1:2003 apply.

## 4 Ordering information

The ordering information shall include:

- ¾ number of this European Standard (EN 13920-3);
- ¾ the scrap category (wire and cable scrap) and the indication whether it is unalloyed aluminium or a defined aluminium alloy;
- ¾ the gross mass of the consignment;
- ¾ the definition of the beginning and end of the period during which the scrap shall be delivered;
- ¾ any characteristics deviating from those specified under 5.1, e.g. diameter of wire, foreign material.

The ordering information should include:

- ¾ information about the origin of the scrap;
- ¾ any information about size and surface condition of the pieces, whenever meaningful.

## 5 Requirements

### 5.1 General

In addition to the requirements specified in EN 13920-1, the requirements given in 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 shall be met.

If the scrap does not meet all these requirements, the supplier shall notify the deviating characteristics to the purchaser and shall obtain his agreement before shipment.

NOTE Scrap recovered by dismantling of old electric lines often does not meet all these requirements.

### 5.2 Characteristics

The scrap shall consist of wire with a minimum diameter of 0,8 mm for any individual wire.

The scrap shall be free from attachment devices, steel core wires, coiling spools of any material, bundling material and other components of electric lines other than aluminium cables and wires.

The scrap shall not be coated and shall be free from burned wire, oil, grease, dust, plastics and any other type of foreign material.

If not otherwise agreed, the scrap shall be supplied after having undergone a processing operation for volume reduction, e.g. baling, coiling, chopping or knife shredding.

### 5.3 Chemical composition

The chemical composition after melting as determined in accordance with EN 13920-1 shall conform to the requirements given in Table 1 or Table 2 or to the composition of alloys as specified in EN 1715-1.

**Table 1 — Chemical composition of wire and cable scrap of unalloyed aluminium**

Composition in percent (mass fraction)

Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Zn	Ti	others each	Al <sup>a</sup>
max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	min.
0,25	0,40	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,07	0,05	0,03	99,5

<sup>a</sup> The aluminium content is the difference between 100 % and the total of all the other elements present with values no less than 0,010 % rounded to the second decimal (before the calculation is made).

**Table 2 — Chemical composition of wire and cable scrap of aluminium alloys of the 6xxx series**

Composition in percent (mass fraction)

Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Zn	Ti	others each	others total	Al <sup>a</sup>
max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	max.	
0,6	0,30	0,05	0,05	0,6	0,05	0,07	0,10	0,05	0,15	Remainder

<sup>a</sup> The aluminium content is the difference between 100 % and the total of all the other elements present with values no less than 0,010 % rounded to the second decimal (before the calculation is made).

#### 5.4 Metal yield

The metal yield of scrap pertaining to this standard as determined in accordance with EN 13920-1 shall be 95 %.

### 6 Classification procedure, treatment of non-conformities and arbitration

The classification procedure which includes sampling and tests, the treatment of non-conformities and arbitration shall be in accordance with EN 13920-1 as appropriate.





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