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## Introduction

Ingestion of lamp oils can lead to severe lung damage and even to death.

Small children aged 1 - 3 years are at particular risk, if they drink the oil directly from the lamps. Very small amounts of lamp oil (probably less than 80 - 150 mg/kg body weight) are sufficient to cause serious pulmonary complications with lethal consequences.

This safety standard for oil lamps aims primarily to restrict the access of small children to the lamp oil contained in decorative oil lamps, but also covers some other safety aspects.

Products complying with this standard should not be considered as being totally safe. It is unrealistic to expect that children will not sometimes be able to gain access to the oil in the lamp. Nevertheless, it can be anticipated that the risk of accidental poisonings will be significantly reduced by oil lamps conforming to this standard.

Attention is drawn to the fact that European regulations for lamp oil are in force which will have to be complied with in case a filled oil lamp is placed on the market.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and test methods for oil lamps used for decorative purposes in households, in restaurants, in recreational facilities and in similar areas.

The standard does not apply to oil lamps intended to be a primary source of light or for industrial purposes (e. g. securing of road building sites).

The purpose of the standard is to minimise the risk of accidental poisoning of small children up to 3 years of age by limiting the accessibility of the lamp oil.

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EN ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials - Rockwell hardness test - Part 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)* (ISO 6508-1:1999).

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **burner**

part of an oil lamp including one end of the wick where the combustion takes place

### 3.2

#### **container**

part of an oil lamp which holds the fuel

- 3.3  
filler opening**  
part of an oil lamp designed to enable the container to be refilled with fuel
- 3.4  
lamp oil**  
inflammable liquid such as paraffin
- 3.5  
oil lamp**  
vessel in which oil is burnt at a wick to provide illumination
- 3.6  
oil lamp for decorative purposes**  
oil lamp for interior or exterior use appealing by its design and/or the light atmosphere it creates
- 3.7  
wick**  
strip or thread which can supply fuel to the burner by its capillary action
- 3.8  
wick guard**  
guard whose purpose it is to prevent small children up to 3 years of age from making contact with the wick

## **4 Requirements**

### **4.1 General Requirements**

The oil lamp shall be constructed of materials suitable for the purpose, able to withstand the thermal, chemical and mechanical stresses which may be reasonably foreseen that the product will encounter in storage and use.

### **4.2 Sharp edges, corner and points**

When assembled for use, all accessible edges, corners and points shall be designed so as to reduce the risk of causing injury. Edges and corners shall be free from burr and shall be chamfered or rounded. When tested in accordance with 5.2, no sharp edges, corners or points shall be detected.

### **4.3 Stability**

When tested in accordance with 5.3, the oil lamp shall not overturn when released.

### **4.4 Impact strength**

When tested in accordance with 5.4, the oil lamp container shall not break, crack or leak oil.

### **4.5 Wick guard**

The oil lamp shall be equipped with a wick guard to prevent access to the wick by small children.

When tested in accordance with 5.5:

- a) the wick holder shall not become detached from the oil lamp;
- b) the wick guard shall not break or crack;
- c) the probe shall not be able to touch the wick.

#### **4.6 Filler cap**

Closures of filler openings including the wick holder shall require two independent movements to be opened: a vertical push downwards and a twist in the clockwise or anticlockwise direction (bayonet joint). When tested in accordance with 5.6, the closure shall not open.

#### **4.7 Leakage**

When tested in accordance with 5.7, no oil shall leak out from the oil lamp.

#### **4.8 Durability of marking**

At the conclusion of the test in 5.8, the marking shall be clearly legible.

#### **4.9 Child appeal**

The oil lamp shall not in any way resemble or incorporate any object commonly recognised as appealing to or intended for use by children younger than 36 months of age. This includes, but is not limited to, toys, cartoon characters, animals, plant materials, food, or food and beverage containers.

### **5 Test methods**

#### **5.1 General test conditions**

The oil lamp shall be assembled and filled with lamp oil according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer. The default filling volume shall be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the container volume unless stated otherwise in the instructions. The oil lamp shall be filled at least 2 h prior to the tests. Tests are conducted with the oil lamp unlit.

All forces shall be measured with an accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$ , all dimensions with an accuracy of  $\pm 0,5$  mm and all angles with an accuracy of  $\pm 1^\circ$ .

The tests shall be carried out in the order given below

#### **5.2 Sharp edges, corners and points test**

Check to see whether sharp edges, corners and points exist by touching with the fingertips.

#### **5.3 Stability test**

Place the oil lamp on a sloping platform inclined at an angle of  $20^\circ$  to the horizontal. If necessary, a stop shall be used to prevent the oil lamp from slipping down the slope. The stop shall not prevent the oil lamp from overturning. Check to see whether overturning occurs.

Repeat the test with an empty lamp.

#### **5.4 Impact strength test**

##### **5.4.1 Test principle**

The oil lamp container is subjected to blows from a steel cylinder attached to a pendulum arm.



### 5.4.2 Apparatus

A pendulum as shown in Figure A.1 of annex A is used, comprising the following:

- a steel cylinder with a length of 25 mm, a diameter of 25 mm, a rounded front side with a radius of 15 mm and a hardness of 58-65 HRC conforming to EN ISO 6508-1;
- the pendulum arm made of an aluminium tube with an inner diameter of 4 mm, an outer diameter of 6 mm and a length of 500 mm measured from the pivot to the centre of gravity of the steel cylinder;
- a dial to measure the angular displacement of the pendulum from the vertical;
- a support which can be adjusted vertically, horizontally and/or tilted, to hold the test specimen;

NOTE Alternatively the column to support the pendulum can be adjustable or a combination of an adjustable column and an adjustable support can be used.

- a supporting fixture made of aluminium in the shape of a V with an angle of 120° for spherical oil lamps and a cuboid supporting fixture made of aluminium for non-spherical oil lamp forms to prevent any displacement of the test specimen resulting from the impact;
- a protective screen to protect personnel against splinters;
- a heavy base fixed to the floor, on which the components of the testing machine are mounted.

NOTE It is advisable to use a collecting pan for the oil.

### 5.4.3 Procedure

Place an oil lamp with a spherical oil lamp container on the support so that the centre of the hammer in the resting position touches the oil lamp container at the point of its largest circumference. Place an oil lamp with a cylindrical oil lamp container on the support so that the centre of the hammer in the resting position touches the oil lamp container at any point at half height. Place an oil lamp with a cubic oil lamp container on the support so that the centre of the hammer in the resting position touches the oil lamp container in the centre of any vertical plane. Place an oil lamp with a pyramidal oil lamp container on the support so that the centre of the hammer in the resting position touches the oil lamp container in the centre of any triangular plane. Place an oil lamp with an irregular oil lamp container on the support so that the centre of the hammer in the resting position touches the oil lamp container at any point half height. Ensure that the supporting fixture touches the oil lamp container at a position exactly opposite the point of the hammer impact.

Lift the pendulum so that the angular displacement of the pendulum from the vertical is 60°.

Close the protective screen.

Release the pendulum.

Repeat the test from three further positions evenly distributed over the full circumference of the oil lamp container at the same height. In the case of oil lamps with cubic or pyramidal oil lamp containers, each plane except the base and the top plane shall be subjected to one hammer blow.

Check visually for any breaks, cracks or oil leakages.

## 5.5 Wick guard test

Exert a pull on the wick guard from the oil lamp with vertical force of 50 N for 3 min.

Place a glass plate of a mass of 100 g on the wick guard. Apply a force of 50 N vertically down on the wick guard and maintain the force for 3 min.

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Move the test probe from any direction towards the wick as shown in Figure A.2 of annex A (unless it is obvious that the test probe cannot touch the wick for dimensional reasons).

Check to see whether:

- a) the wick guard when lifted becomes detached from the oil lamp;
- b) the wick guard shows any sign of breakage or cracking;
- c) the test probe touches the wick.

### 5.6 Filler cap test

If necessary, remove the wick guard. Open and reclose the filler cap 10 times.

Apply a force of 30 N vertically down on the filler cap. Apply a torque of  $0,5 \text{ Nm} \pm 0,05 \text{ Nm}$  in the clockwise or anticlockwise direction, as appropriate. Check to see whether the cap is still closed.

### 5.7 Leakage test

Hold the oil lamp in a vertical position as shown in Figure A.3 a) of annex A. Turn the oil lamp  $90^\circ$  (horizontal position) as shown in Figure A.3 b) and maintain this position for 10 seconds. Choose the most onerous position of the filler cap if different positions are possible. Turn the oil lamp further  $45^\circ$  ( $135^\circ$  in total) as shown in Figure A.3 c) and maintain this position for 10 seconds. Choose the most onerous position of the filler cap if different positions are possible. Turn the oil lamp further  $45^\circ$  ( $180^\circ$  in total) as shown in Figure A.3 d) and maintain this position for 10 s. Choose the most onerous position of the filler cap if different positions are possible.

Examine whether any liquid leaks from the oil lamp paying due attention to the filler cap and the immediate surrounding area.

### 5.8 Durability of marking test

The marking is rubbed by hand for 15 s with a piece of cotton fabric soaked with water and then for 15 s with a piece of cotton fabric soaked with an aqueous solution containing the following ingredients:

- sodium dodecyl benzene sulphonate                      mass fraction of 25 %
- sodium lauryl ether sulphate                              mass fraction of 5 %
- sodium xylene sulphonate                                 mass fraction of 3 %

NOTE      This is the composition of a typical household washing-up detergent.

The marking of another lamp is rubbed by hand for 15 s with a piece of cotton fabric soaked with paraffin oil used as fuel for decorative oil lamps.

Check to see whether the text is clearly legible after the treatment.

## 6 Product information

### 6.1 General information

Product information shall be provided to reduce possible consequences of foreseeable hazards connected with the use of the oil lamp.

It shall be indicated that the product information should be carefully read before use and kept for further reference.

The information shall be presented in the official language(s) of the intended country of sale.

## 6.2 Purchase information

The following warnings shall be provided at the point of sale and shall also be provided on the oil lamp or a leaflet affixed to the oil lamp. It shall be clearly visible and legible.

- a) WARNING: In the case of small children, just a sip of lamp oil - or even sucking the wick - may lead to life-threatening lung damage.
- b) WARNING: If lamp oil is swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Seek medical advice immediately or contact a poison information centre and show these warnings.

## 6.3 Instruction for use

The instructions for use shall contain the following:

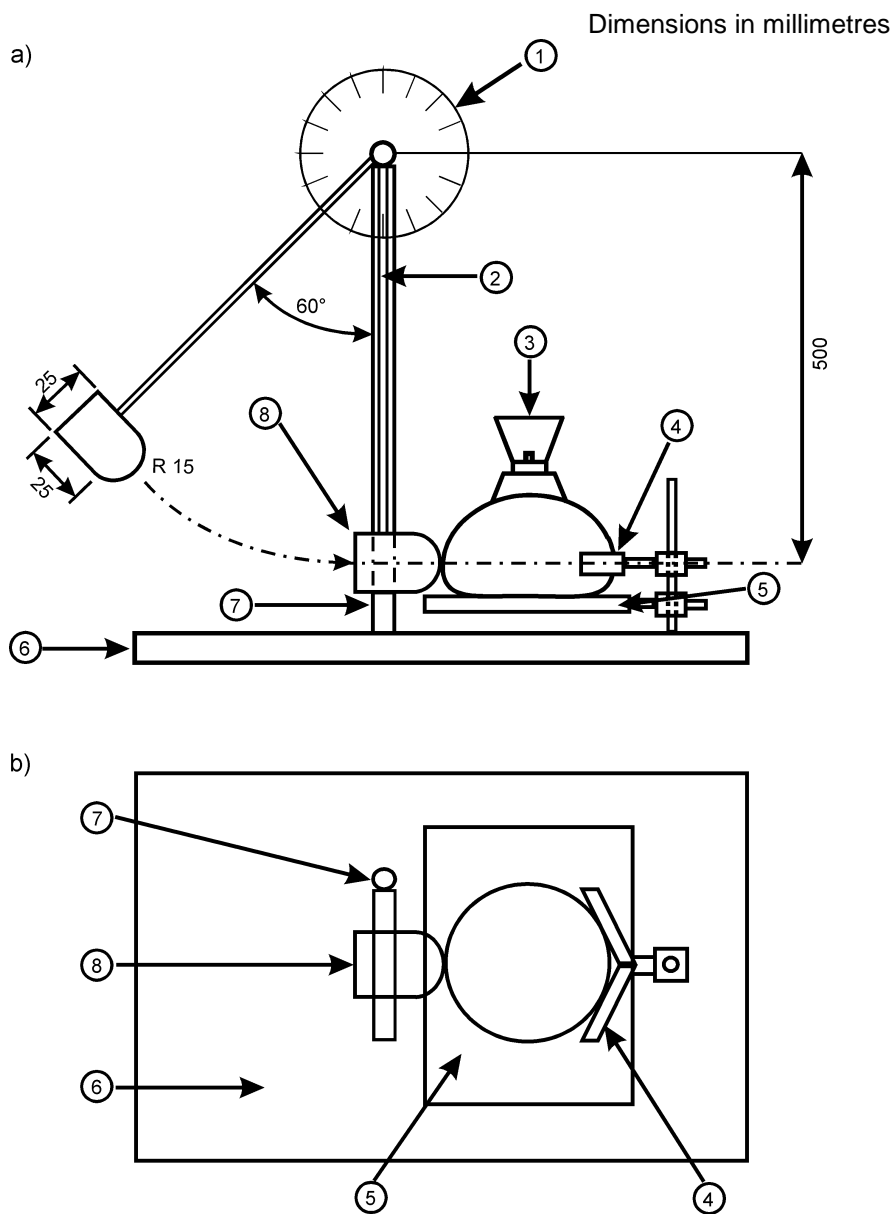
- a) a functional description of the lamp;
- b) instructions regarding the type and the adjustment of the wick, including the recommended functional height of the wick;
- c) instructions regarding the recommended fuel;
- d) instructions regarding the refilling of the oil lamp container, including a description of the opening mechanism and the filling amount.
- e) Instructions on maintenance, in particular on care of the burner and care of the wick, together with a correct description of the wick type appropriate to the oil lamp in question;
- f) WARNING: Keep this oil lamp out of the reach of children both in use and when stored.

## 6.4 Marking, labelling and packaging

The marking shall contain at least the following:

- a) the name, address and telephone number of the manufacturer, importer or the organisation responsible for its sale;
- b) the number and date of this European Standard.

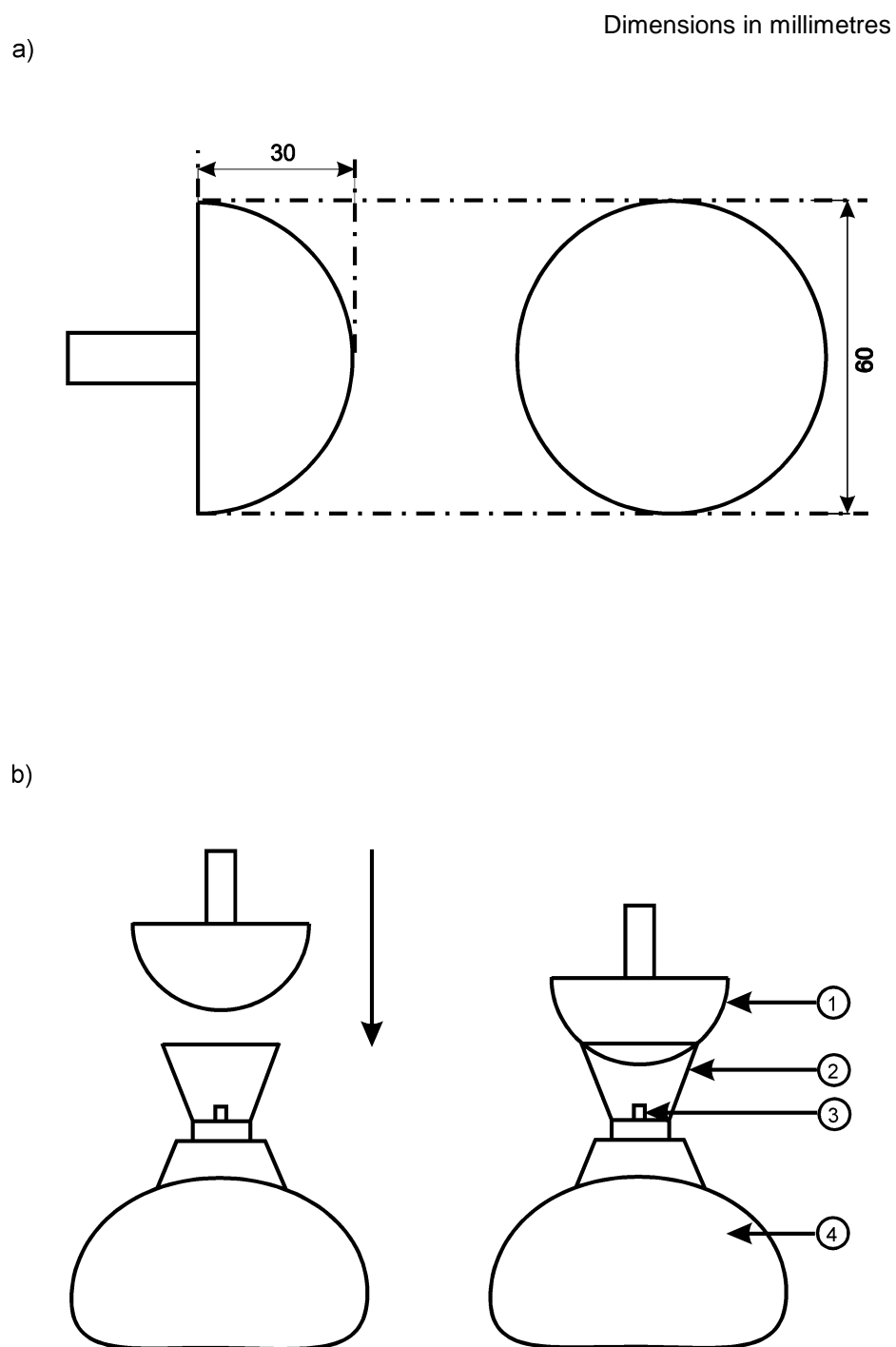
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(normative)



**Key**

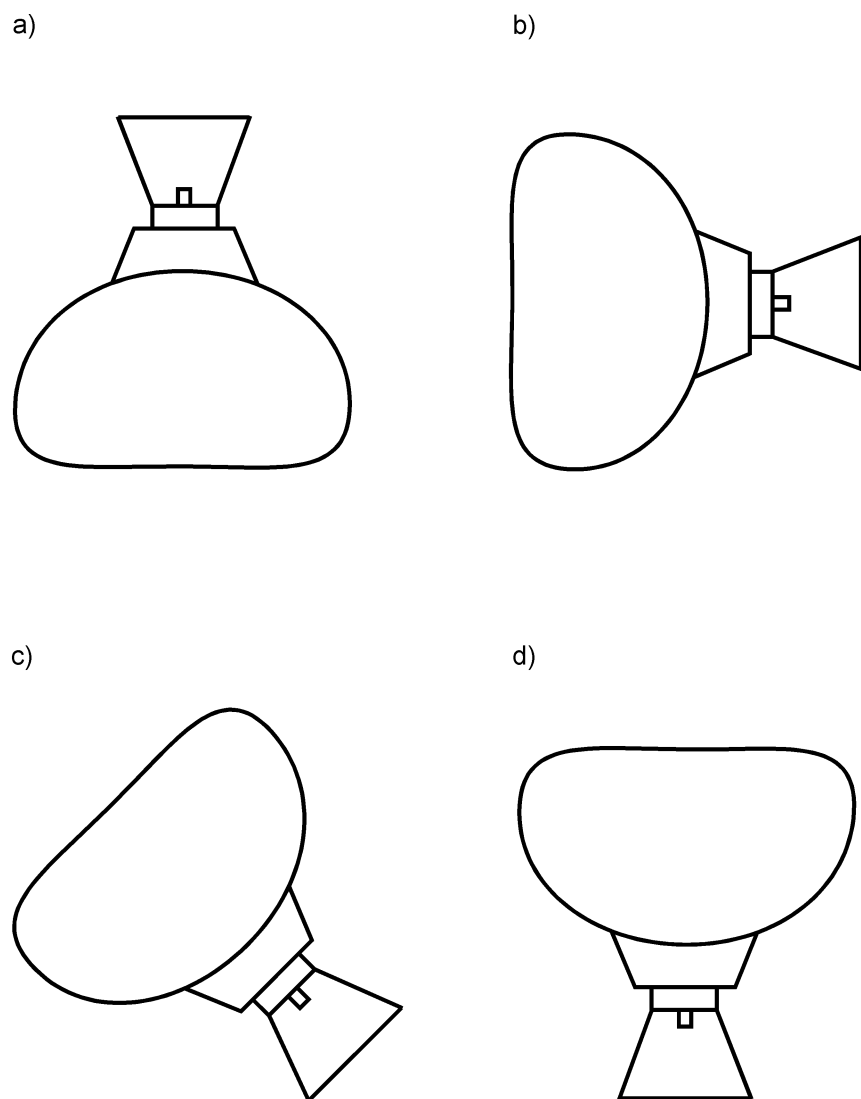
- a) Side view
- b) Top view
- 1 Dial
- 2 Pendulum arm
- 3 Oil lamp
- 4 Supporting fixture
- 5 Support to hold the article under test
- 6 Base
- 7 Column to support pendulum and dial
- 8 Hammer

**Figure A.1 — Impact strength test**

**Key**

- a) Test probe
- b) Test principle
- 1 Probe
- 2 Wick guard
- 3 Wick
- 4 Oil container

Figure A.2 — Wick guard test



**Key**

- a) Vertical position
- b) Horizontal position – 90°
- c) 135° - position
- d) 180° - position

**Figure A.3 — Leakage test**



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