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## European foreword

This document (EN 16664:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136 "Sports, playground and other recreational facilities and equipment", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the functional and safety requirements and test methods for lightweight goals, which are classified in Clause 4.

This standard is not applicable to goals:

- a) according to EN 748 (football);
- b) EN 749 (handball);
- c) EN 750 (hockey);
- d) EN 1270 (basketball);
- e) EN 15312 (free access multi-sports);
- f) EN 13451-4 (water polo);
- g) prEN 16579 (portable and fixed goals);
- h) inflatable goals;
- i) goals which are classified as toys under the responsibility of technical committees CEN/TC 52 "Safety of toys";
- j) goals which are intended to move in use (e.g. rink hockey and roller hockey).

It is applicable to playing field goals used for training or recreational play, indoor and outdoor including educational and public establishments and recreational areas.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 913:2008, *Gymnastic equipment - General safety requirements and test methods*

prEN 16579, *Playing field equipment - Portable and fixed goals - Functional, safety requirements and test methods*

EN ISO 1806, *Fishing nets - Determination of mesh breaking force of netting (ISO 1806)*

EN ISO 13938-1, *Textiles - Bursting properties of fabrics - Part 1: Hydraulic method for determination of bursting strength and bursting distension (ISO 13938-1)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in prEN 16579 and the following apply.

- ### 3.1 lightweight goal
- mobile, conveniently portable goal, generally smaller and lighter versions, made stable by measures such as ballast or any other attachment fixture or by the design

### 3.2

#### lightweight goal frame

crossbar and uprights or similar design not necessarily rectangular, which form the lightweight goal mouth/opening and fitted, a ball catch net if fitted

Note 1 to entry: The goal frame can incorporate a net supporting system.

### 3.3

#### net fixings

attachments on the lightweight goal frame to which the net may be fixed

### 3.4

#### anchoring/ballast system

system intended to prevent the lightweight goal from tipping over or being blown away by wind load during normal use

Note 1 to entry: The anchoring/ballast system can be incorporated in the design or may be fixed separately.

### 3.5

#### intended use

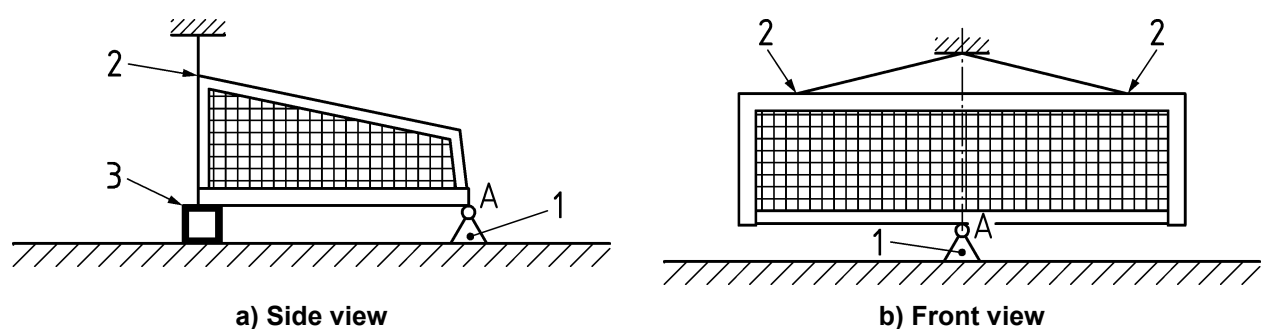
purpose for which the lightweight goal has been designed by the manufacturer to be used in line with this standard

## 4 Classification

In order to be classified as a lightweight goal it shall meet the following criteria:

- the total mass including the net, excluding any separate anchoring/ballast system, shall not exceed 10 kg;
- when laid with the lightweight goal mouth/opening face to the ground (as shown in Figure 1) the total force exerted at point A shall not exceed 50 N. The lightweight goal is either supported or suspended in such a way that the maximum force exerted by the crossbar at the highest point is measured when the lightweight goal mouth/opening is horizontal to the ground.

NOTE The highest point is determined when the lightweight goal is assembled for normal use.



#### Key

- A measuring point
- 1 force measuring device capable of measuring with a precision equal to or better than  $\pm 1$  N
- 2 suspension system
- 3 supporting block (alternative)

Figure 1 — Example for measuring

## 5 Material

The selection of materials and their use shall be in accordance with the appropriate European Standards.

Further information for the selection of material is given in Annex C.

The materials should be selected so that potential hazards through direct contact with the skin can be avoided.

## 6 Requirements

### 6.1 Strength

The lightweight goal shall be tested in accordance with 7.1 and the lightweight goal frame shall not come apart break or collapse to create sharp, pointed fragments that no longer conform to 6.6.

### 6.2 Anchorage

Lightweight goals with a total mass exceeding 2 kg shall have at least one anchorage point/ballast system. The ballast shall be at least twice the weight of the lightweight goal.

### 6.3 Entrapment

Lightweight goals shall be designed and constructed so that, when assembled ready for use there shall be no crushing or shearing hazards between moving parts and/or fixed parts or risk of entrapment of finger, head and neck when assessed in accordance with the procedure given in EN 913:2008, Annex A with the additional requirements according to Annex A of this standard.

### 6.4 Net fixings

When tested according to 7.2 no visible fracture and/or permanent deformation shall occur at the net fixings and the net fixing shall not dislodge.

Any opening in the net fixing outside the profile of the lightweight goal frame shall not result in entrapment when tested in accordance with 6.3.

Metal cup hooks and metal spring cup hooks shall not be used as a means of fixing the net to the lightweight goal frame.

The spacing between net fixings shall not allow a ball for which the lightweight goal is intended to be used to pass and shall not create any entrapment when tested in accordance with 6.3.

### 6.5 Net

Net yarn shall have a minimum diameter of 2 mm to reduce the risk of cutting.

Net dimensions shall comply with the requirements of lightweight goal frame dimensions and the associated lightweight goal frame net supports, for which it is intended to be used.

The mesh size shall not allow a ball for which the lightweight goal is intended to be used to pass through nor create any head and neck entrapment when tested in accordance with 6.3.

The net shall meet at least the requirement for mesh breaking strength of Table 1.



**Table 1 — Mesh breaking strength**

<b>Mesh type</b>	<b>Minimum value</b>	<b>Test method</b>
open mesh	400 N	EN ISO 1806
close mesh	300 kPa	EN ISO 13938-1

## **6.6 Finish of equipment**

The requirements of EN 913:2008, 5.1 shall be met, when assessed by visual inspection and measurement.

## **7 Test methods**

### **7.1 Impact test**

#### **7.1.1 Test principle**

The lightweight goal frame assembled as ready for use, with the net in place, is struck at a velocity of  $(1 \pm 0,05)$  m/s by a soft body suspended from a pendulum, simulating an adult player running into the lightweight goal.

To simulate the worst case scenario, the lightweight goal is restrained by blocks placed on the ground behind the frame on the opposite side to the point of impact so that it cannot slide or tip over when impacted.

The lightweight goal is struck with a series of three single impacts, if the design permits (e.g. for products like given in Figure B.6 the side impact test cannot be carried out):

- First impact, horizontally from the side, impacting the top of the lightweight goal frame (see Figure 4);
- Second impact, horizontally from the front, impacting the centre of the crossbar or the highest point of the lightweight goal frame (see Figure 3);
- Third impact, perpendicular to the lightweight goal, impacting the top of the crossbar or the highest point of the lightweight goal frame (see Figure 5).

Following each impact the lightweight goal is examined for evidence of breakage or collapse and any such damage recorded.

Before conducting the next impact in the series, the restraints securing the lightweight goal should be checked and adjusted as necessary to resist impact from a different direction. If any parts of the lightweight goal have become loose or dislodged, but are otherwise undamaged, these should be re-fixed between impacts.

The test report shall record and fully describe any partial or total collapse of the lightweight goal; and/or any evidence of breakage of any component of the lightweight goal.

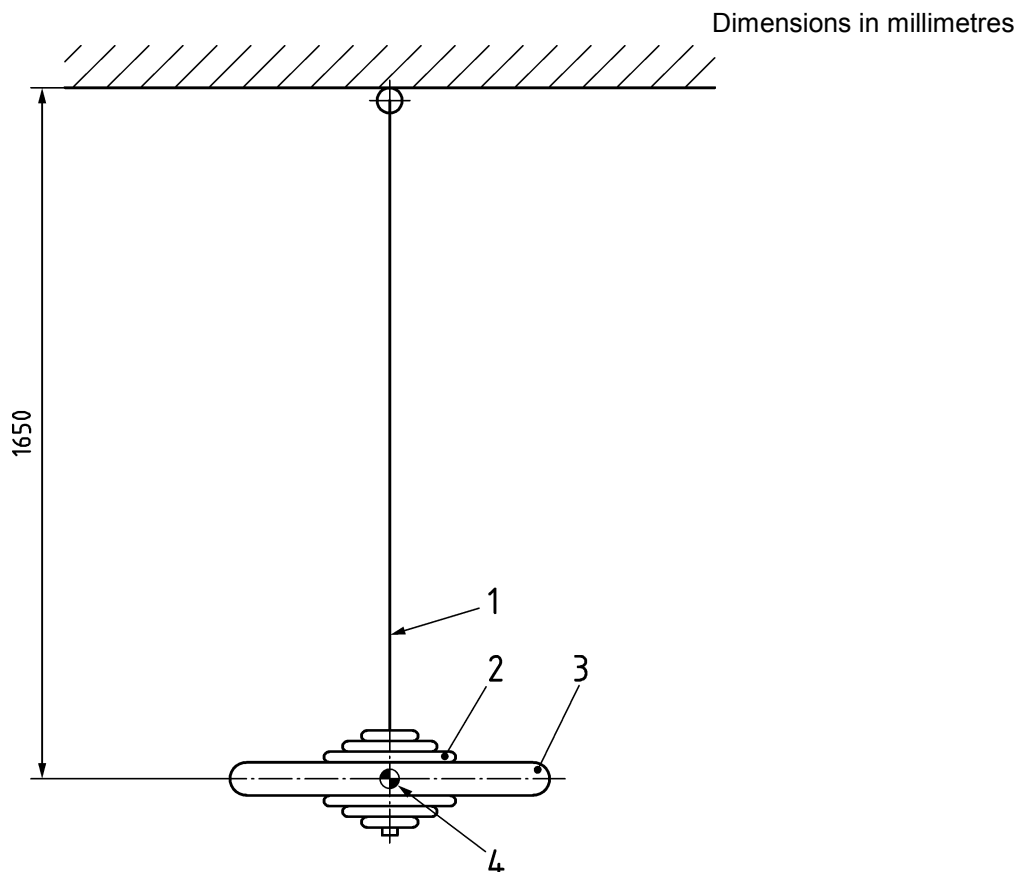
#### **7.1.2 Test set up**

The soft body impactor (see Figure 2) comprises a pneumatic rubber trailer tyre or equivalent, size ca. 508 mm (20 inches), 203 mm (8 inches) wide, mounted on a ca. 254 mm (10 inches) rim, inflated to a pressure of  $(200 \pm 10)$  kPa [ $(2,0 \pm 0,1)$  bars], suspended on a rigid pendulum such that the distance from the point of suspension to the centre of the edge of the tyre is  $(1\ 650 \pm 100)$  mm.

The total mass of the impactor is adjusted to be  $(75 \pm 0,1)$  kg by the use of supplementary weights, evenly positioned on either side of the tyre such that the centre of gravity of the total mass of the impactor (include pendulum device) lies on the centre-plane of the tyre.

The pendulum is raised to the angle necessary to create an impact velocity of  $(1,0 \pm 0,05)$  m/s.

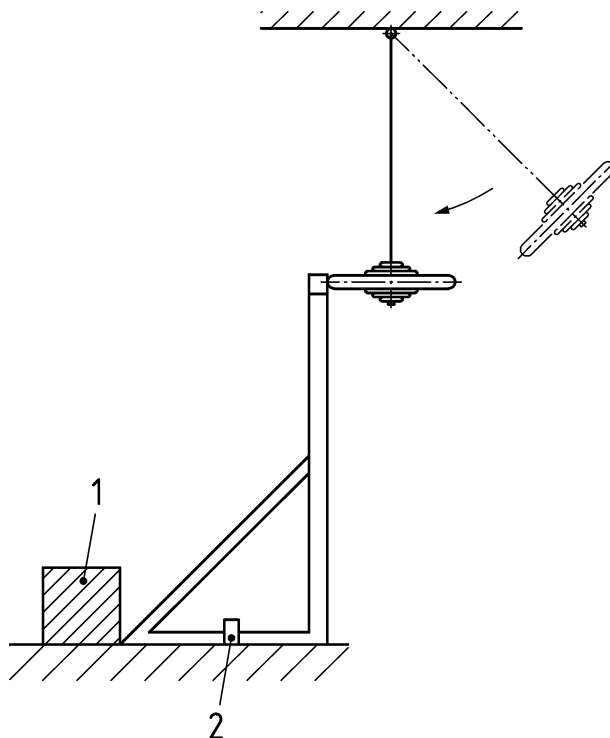
NOTE From the formula:  $V = \sqrt{2gL(1 - \cos \theta)}$ , by releasing the pendulum whose length ( $L$ ) is 1,65 m from an angle of  $14,3^\circ$  to the vertical, the Velocity ( $V$ ) at the point of impact is 1,0 m/s .



**Key**

- 1 impactor freely suspended through a rigid connecting device
- 2 supplementary weights to total 75 kg
- 3 pneumatic tyre
- 4 centre of gravity of impactor

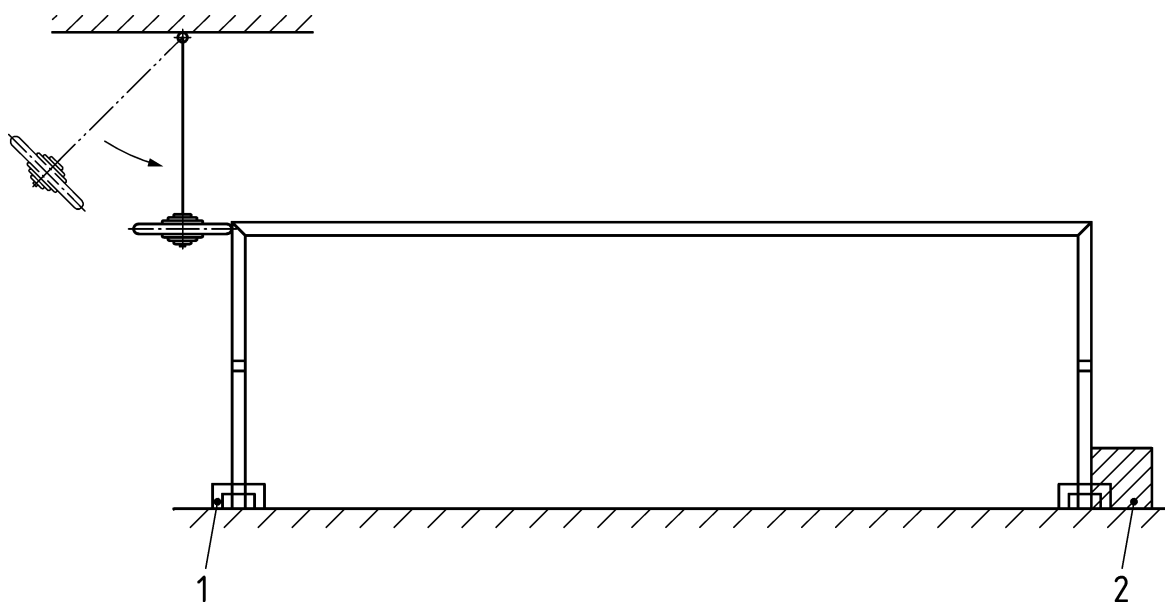
**Figure 2 — Soft body impactor**



**Key**

- 1 additional restraint
- 2 any anchoring/ballast system normally supplied

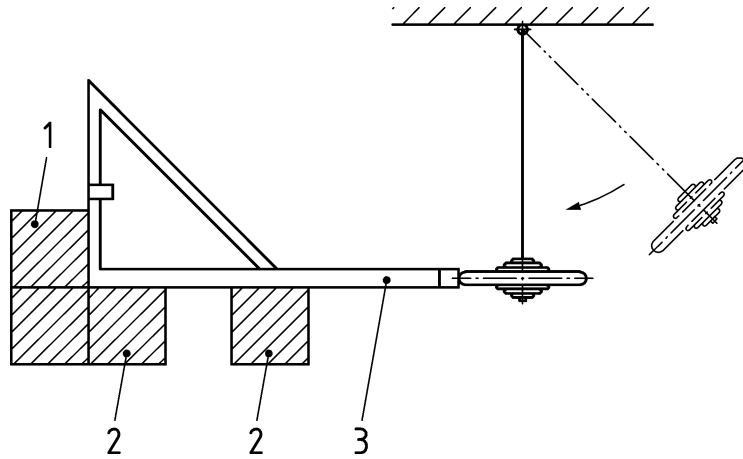
**Figure 3— Front impact test at centre of crossbar**



**Key**

- 1 any anchoring/ballast system normally supplied
- 2 additional restraint to prevent movement

**Figure 4 — Side impact test**



**Key**

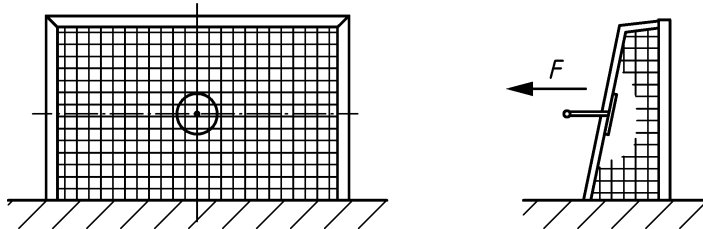
- 1 additional restraint
- 2 blocks to raise lightweight goal above ground level
- 3 lightweight goal supported horizontally

**Figure 5 — Top impact at centre of crossbar**

**7.2 Determination of strength of net fixings**

Take a rigid circular disc ( $400 \pm 10$ ) mm in diameter, with rounded edges, with a mass of  $\leq 5$  kg and with a metal ring at its centre.

Place the disc against the inside face of the net at the point of loading with the ring through the net (see Figure 6). The disc shall be located at the centre of the net.



**Figure 6 — Determination of the strength of the net fixings**

The base shall be fixed to the ground to prevent the lightweight goal from sliding or tilting during the test.

Apply a horizontal force of  $(400 \pm 50)$  N to the disc at the centre of the lightweight goal.

Apply the force for  $10_{-0}^{+1}$  s. Remove the force and check for any visible crack and/or permanent deformation and that the net fixings have not dislodged.

### 7.3 Test report

Test reports shall include at least the following:

- date, name of tester;
- the reference to this European Standard, i.e. EN 16664;
- details of the test conditions (e.g. temperature);
- details of the equipment tested (e.g. classification, type if any);
- details of the condition of the equipment included any defects observed before the tests;
- details of any change in the condition of the equipment observed after the tests;
- test result.

## 8 Assembly, Installation and Maintenance instruction

With the lightweight goals the manufacturer shall provide written instructions for assembly, installation, transportation, storage and maintenance in the appropriate language(s) of the country in which the lightweight goal is to be installed and used.

For lightweight goals above 2 kg, the information supplied shall include detailed instructions for use of the anchoring/ballast system (e. g. appropriate counterweights).

The instructions shall describe the anchoring/ballast system (if any) supplied with the lightweight goals including a list of all components required. Maintenance information should provide instruction on how a lightweight goal should be inspected in accordance with applicable European Standard, including the removal of the lightweight goal(s) from use until any damaged parts have been replaced or repaired.

The manufacturer/supplier shall supply copies of test reports (self or third party) to purchasers upon request.

## 9 Marking

### 9.1 Warning label

Lightweight goals shall have fixed to them a durable warning label displaying the following information in the official language(s) of the country in which the equipment is to be installed and used:

- a) This lightweight goal is intended to be used for ...;
- b) Secure and fully tighten all fittings and fastenings before use (where applicable);
- c) Ensure that this lightweight goal is secured at all times by means of the appropriate anchoring/ballast system (e.g. counterweights) (where applicable);
- d) Do not affix additions/appendages to parts of the lightweight goal frame that could affect the essential safety of the lightweight goal;
- e) Do not climb, hang or swing on the net or lightweight goal framework.

NOTE An appropriate graphical symbol may be used in conjunction. Guidance on suitable safety signs is given in ISO 3864-1 and ISO 3864-3.

## **9.2 Product identification**

Lightweight goals shall be durably marked with the following information:

- a) the number and date of this European Standard;
- b) the name or trademark of the manufacturer, retailer or importer and the year of manufacturing of the frame;
- c) the nominal size of the lightweight goal frame.

NOTE Marking European Standard EN 16664 on or in relation to a product represents the manufacturer's declaration of conformity, i. e. a claim by or on behalf of the manufacturer that the product meets the requirements of the standard. The accuracy of the claim is therefore solely the responsibility of the person making the claim. It is advised not to confuse such a declaration with third party certification of conformity, which may also be desirable.

## **Annex A** (normative)

### **Test methods for head and neck entrapment**

#### **A.1 General**

Unless stated otherwise, tolerances of the probes in this annex are as follows:

- a)  $\pm 1$  mm for dimensions; and
- b)  $\pm 1^\circ$  for angles.

In situations of doubt when using the probes relating to the tolerance an accurate measurement should be made to ensure the opening is in accordance with the nominal dimension of the probe.

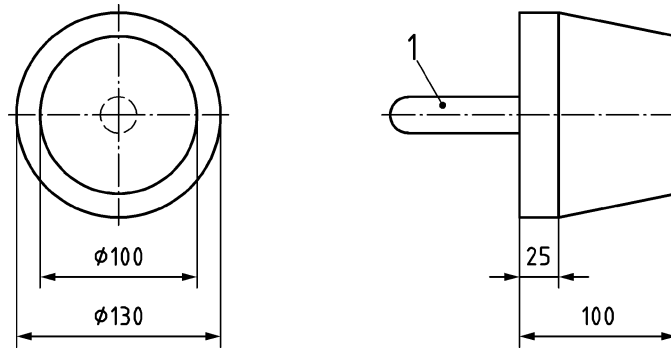
All tests shall be performed in the most onerous way.

#### **A.2 Completely bound openings**

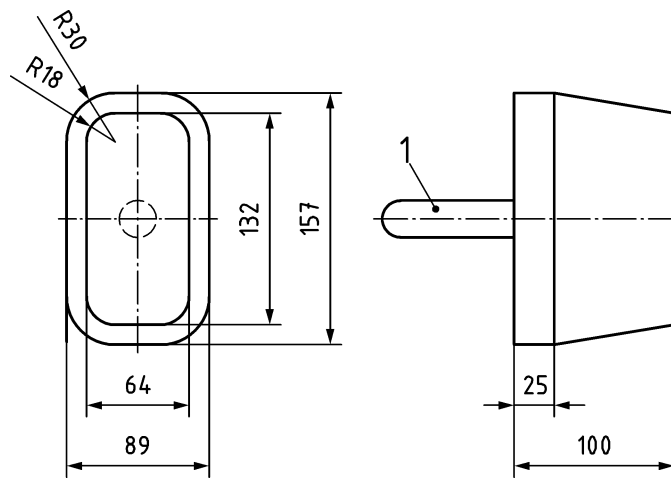
##### **A.2.1 Apparatus**

Three probes, as illustrated in Figure A.1:

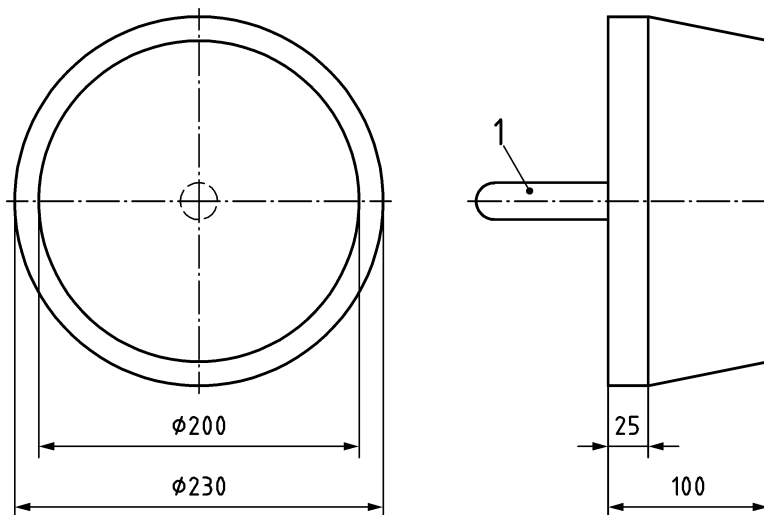
Dimensions in millimetres



a) Probe E (small head)



b) Probe C (torso)



c) Probe D (large head)

**Key**

1 handle

**Figure A.1 — Probes for determination of head and neck entrapment in completely bound openings**



## A.2.2 Procedure

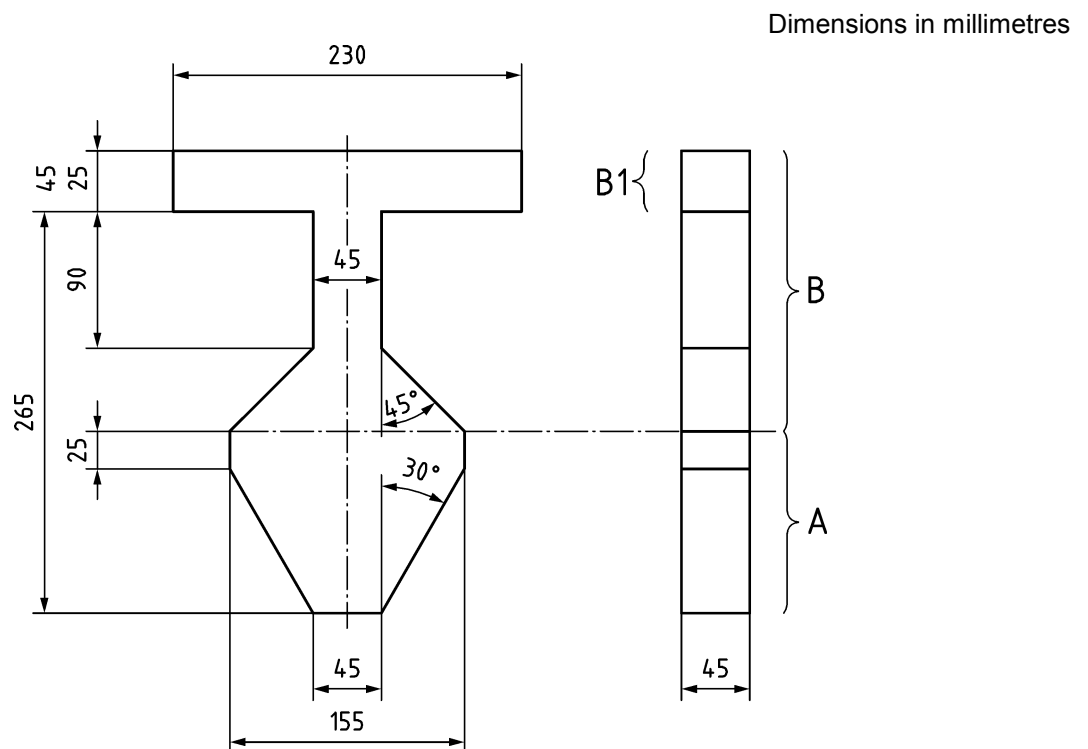
Apply successively the probes as illustrated in Figure A.1 to each relevant opening. Record and report the passage of any probe through the opening. If any of the probes are not freely passing through the opening apply a force of  $(222 \pm 5)$  N to the probe. When the torso probe is used, it is safer to force the body through the opening first because if the body passes through then the head will also pass through. Apply the probe with the axis perpendicular to the plane of the opening.

NOTE The head probe dimensions are based on those for an older child and, therefore, there will be a large tolerance if assessing equipment for use by a young child.

## A.3 Partially bound and V-shaped openings

### A.3.1 Apparatus

Test template, as illustrated in Figure A.2.



#### Key

- A "A" portion of probe
- B "B" portion of probe
- B1 shoulder section

**Figure A.2 — Test template for assessment of head and neck entrapment in partially bound and V-shaped openings**

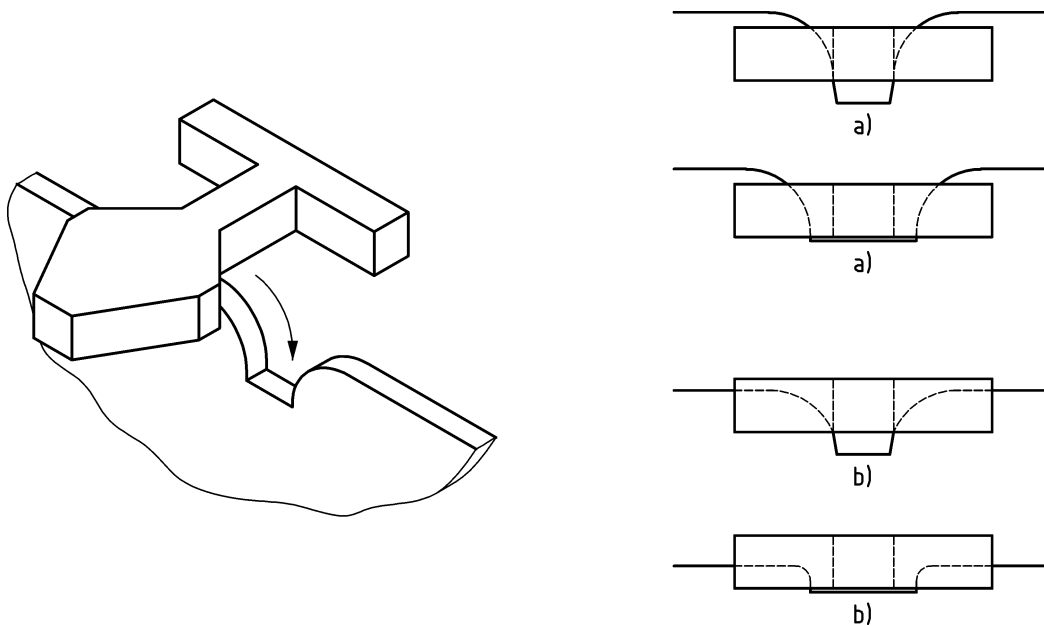
### A.3.2 Procedure

Position the 'B' portion of the test template between and perpendicular to the boundaries of the opening, as shown in Figure A.3. Record and report whether the template fits within the boundaries of the opening or if it cannot be inserted to its full thickness.

If the test template can be inserted to a depth greater than the thickness of the template (45 mm), apply the 'A' portion of the test template, so that its centre line is orientated to check the extremities of the opening as well as the centreline.

Ensure that the plane of the test template is parallel and applied in line with the opening, as shown in Figure A.4 a).

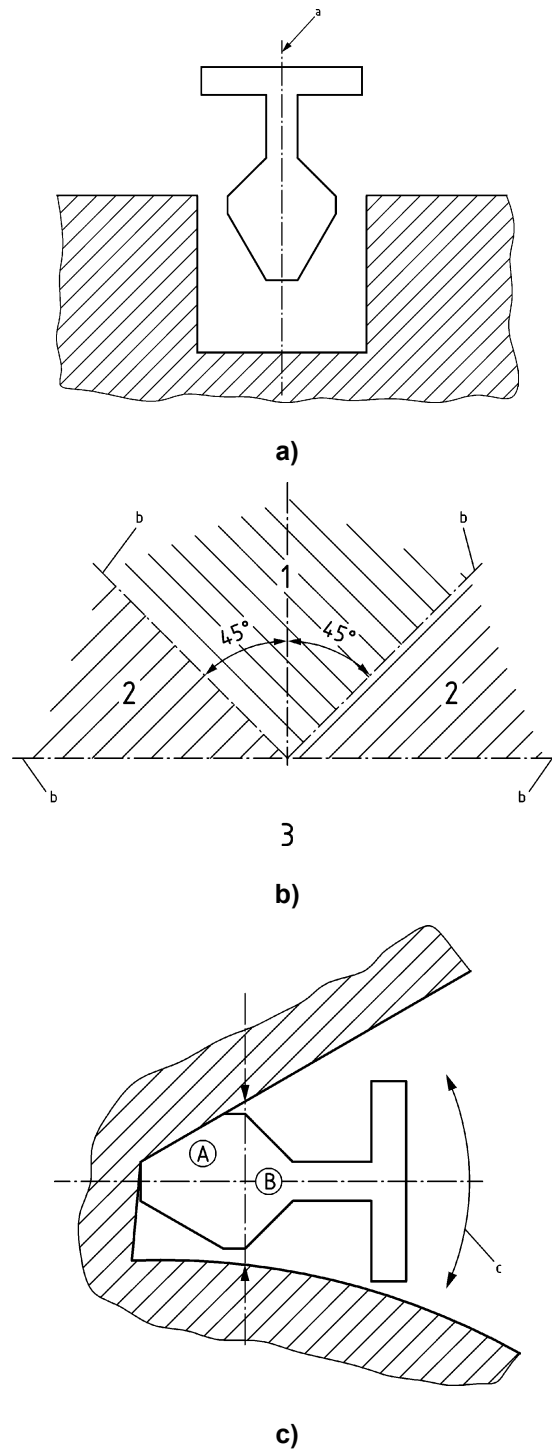
Insert the test template along the opening until its motion is arrested by contact with the boundaries of the opening. Record and report the results including the angle of the template centreline relative to the vertical and horizontal axes (see Figure A.4) as this will determine the pass/fail requirements given in 6.3. See Figures A.5 and A.6 for examples of the assessment for the different angular ranges.



**Key**

- a) accessible
- b) not accessible

**Figure A.3 — Methods of insertion of the "B" portion of the test template**

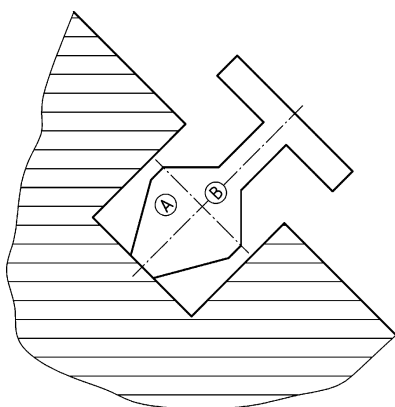


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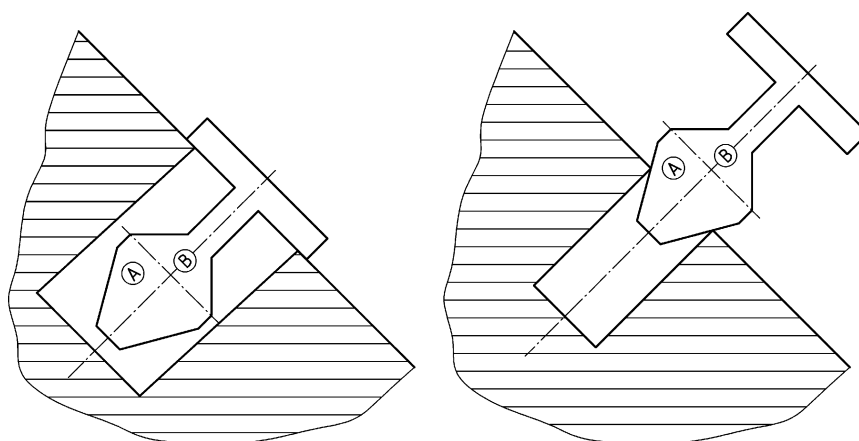
- 1 range 1
- 2 range 2
- 3 range 3
- a insertion angle for assessing the range
- b template centre line
- c check all insertion angles

**Figure A.4 — Checking of insertion angles to determine range**

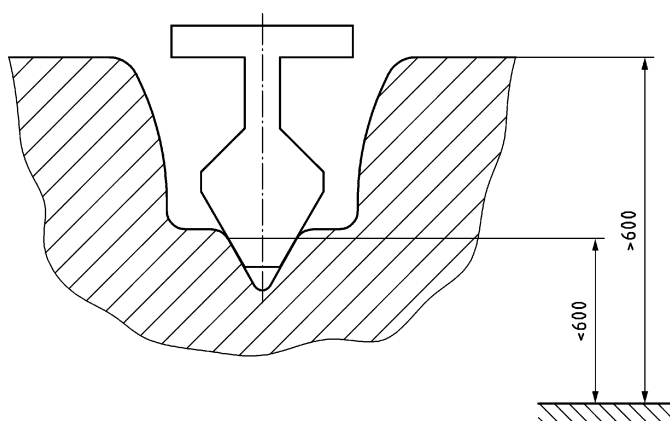
Dimensions in millimetres



a) Passes if front section fully enters aperture to a maximum depth (template shoulder depth) of 265 mm



b) Fail

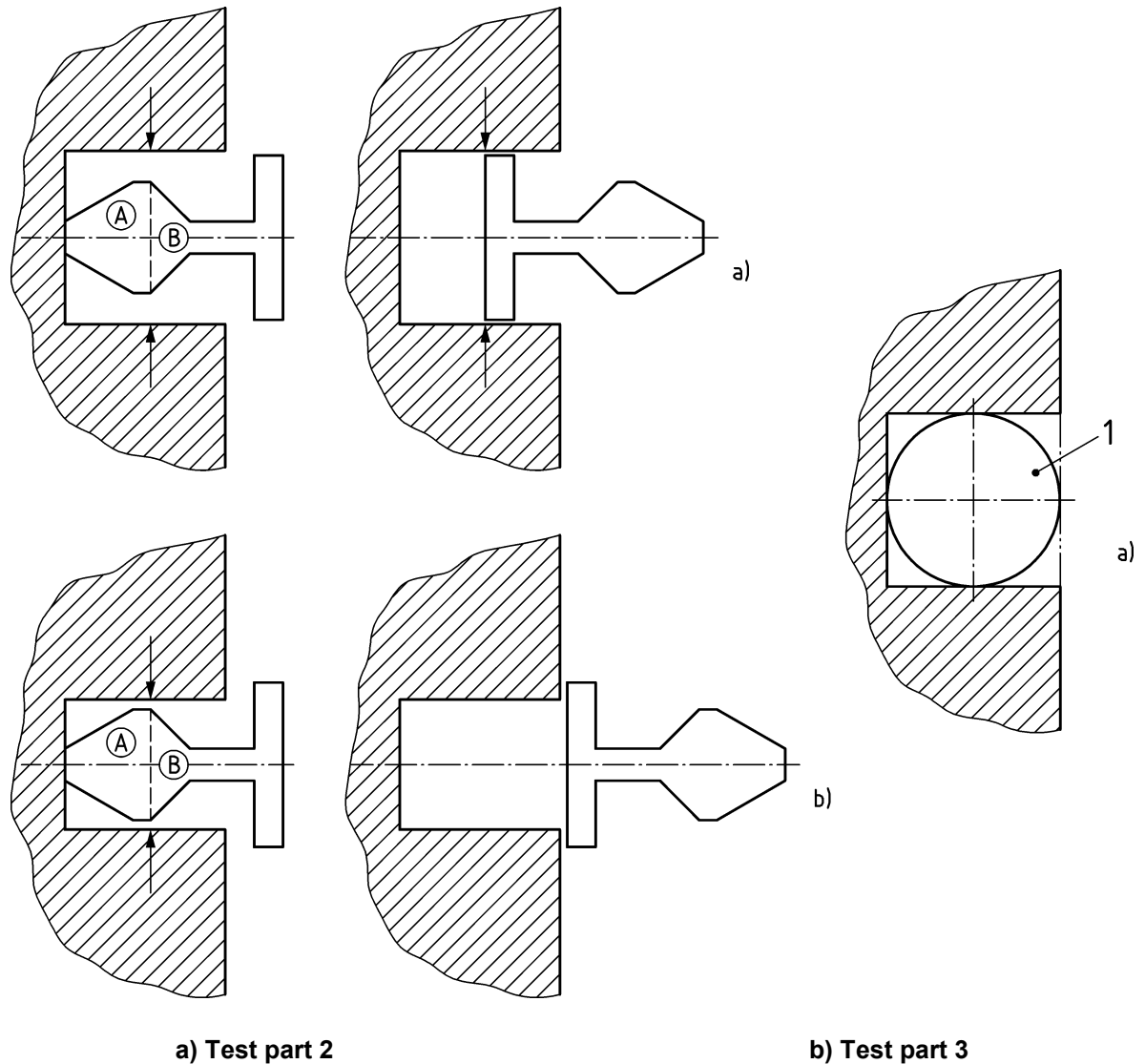


c) Pass

**Key**

- > 600 mm = more than 600 mm above the playing surface
- < 600 mm = less than 600 mm above the playing surface

Figure A.5 — Range 1 method of insertion of the 'A' portion of the test template



**Key**

a) pass

b) fail

1 large head probe D

**Figure A.6 — Range 2 method of insertion of the 'A' portion of the test template followed by insertion of the shoulder of the template or Probe D**

## Annex B (informative)

### Examples of typical lightweight goals to this standard

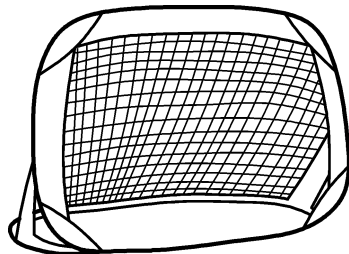


Figure B.1

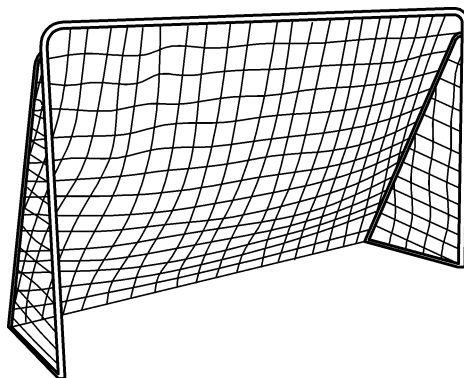


Figure B.2

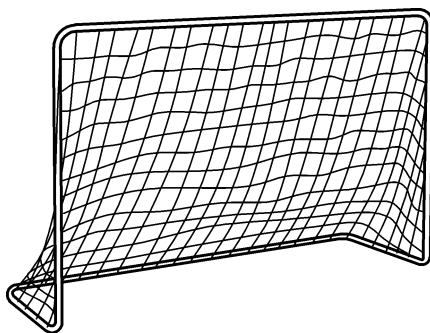
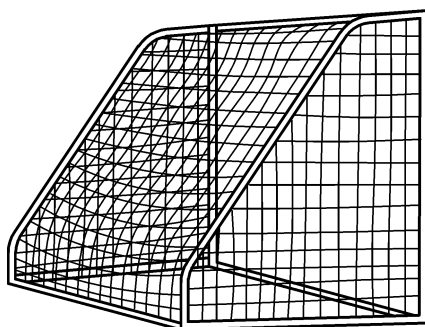
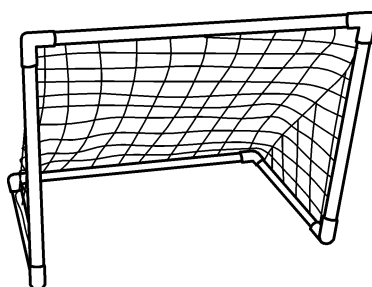


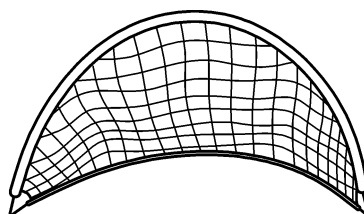
Figure B.3



**Figure B.4**



**Figure B.5**



**Figure B.6**

## **Annex C** (informative)

### **Recommendations regarding the selection of material**

Materials should be selected and protected such that the structural integrity of the lightweight goal should not be affected during use, transportation and under extreme climatic conditions.

NOTE 1 The provisions relating to certain materials in this European Standard do not imply that other equivalent materials are unsuitable in the manufacture of a lightweight goal.

In the choice of a material for a lightweight goal, consideration should be given to the eventual disposal of the material or substance having regard to any possible environmental toxic hazard.

NOTE 2 Information on the identification and classification of such substances can be found in the Directive 67/548/EEC (classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances) [10] as well as in the Regulation (EC) no.1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) [11]."



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