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Part 2: Pick-up tubes

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European foreword

This document (EN 16712-2:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 192 “Fire and Rescue Service Equipment”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- Part 1: Inductors PN 16;
- Part 2: Pick-up tubes;
- Part 3: Low and medium expansion hand-held foam branchpipes PN 16;
- Part 4: High expansion foam generators PN 16.

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1 Scope

1.1 This European Standard specifies performance requirements and test methods for pick-up tubes.

This European Standard applies to pick-up tubes from DN 20 to DN 50 which are used for the suction of foam concentrate or additives and defines their requirements and test procedures.

Pick-up tubes are especially used with inductors in accordance with EN 16712-1.

NOTE Pick-up tubes can also be used for the suction of other substances (e.g. absorbents).

1.2 This European Standard is not applicable to pick-up tubes which have been manufactured before its date of publication as European Standard.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1
pick-up tube
device through which foam concentrate, additives or other substances are transferred from a reservoir to an inductor or other proportioning device

3 Designation

The designation of pick-up tubes in compliance with EN 16712-2 comprises

- name of the equipment,
- reference to EN 16712-2,
- nominal diameter,
- total length.

EXAMPLE A pick-up tube with a nominal diameter of 38 mm and a total length of 1 500 mm is designated as follows:

Pick-up tube EN 16712-2 — DN 38 – 1 500

4 Requirements

4.1 Components, dimensions and mass

The pick-up tube consists of a semi-rigid transparent tube connectable at one end to the foam concentrate inlet of an inductor or proportioning device (see Figure 1). At the other end, it should remain free or be equipped with

- a riser metallic or plastic pipe, or
- a strainer, with or without foot valve, or

- a coupling, or
- any combinations of the above elements.

It is recommended that the length of the flexible section (semi rigid translucent tube) and of the rigid section (riser pipe) be specified by the user/purchaser to meet their specific requirements.

NOTE Riser pipes have proved to be more advantageous than a free tube end because their mass helps avoid the pick-up tube slipping out of the foam concentrate or additive container.

The above elements should take into account the total length indicated in Table 2 and shall not reduce the performance of the inductor or proportioning device, e.g. by a smooth internal surface of the semi rigid tube.

The nominal diameters shall be in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1 — Nominal diameters

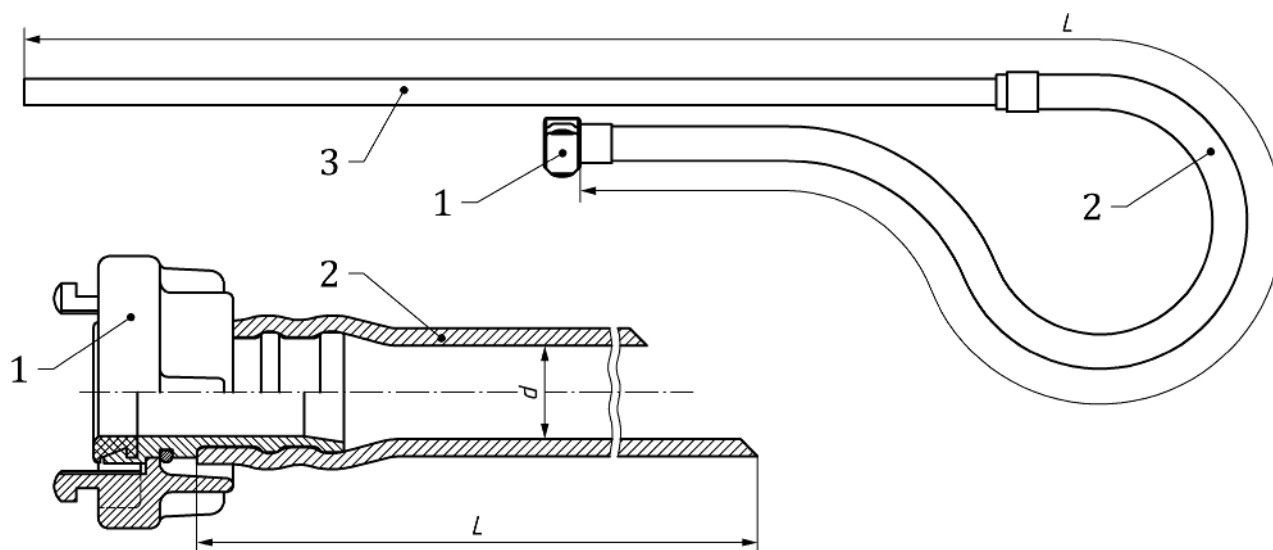
Nominal flow rate of proportioning or inducting device	DN
≤ 800 l/min	≥ 20 mm
> 800 l/min to ≤ 2 000 l/min	25 mm to 38 mm
> 2 000 l/min	≥ 38 mm

Dimensions and mass of pick-up tubes DN 20 shall be in accordance with Table 2 and Figure 1. For pick-up tubes larger than DN 20 dimensions and mass shall be agreed between the manufacturer and the user.

Table 2 — Total length and maximum mass of pick-up tube DN 20

Pick-up tube DN 20	Total length (<i>L</i>) mm	Maximum mass kg
Pick-up tube EN 16712-2 — DN 20 - 1 500	1 500 ± 50	1
Pick-up tube EN 16712-2 — DN 20 - 2 500	2 500 ± 50	2

Dimensions in millimetres



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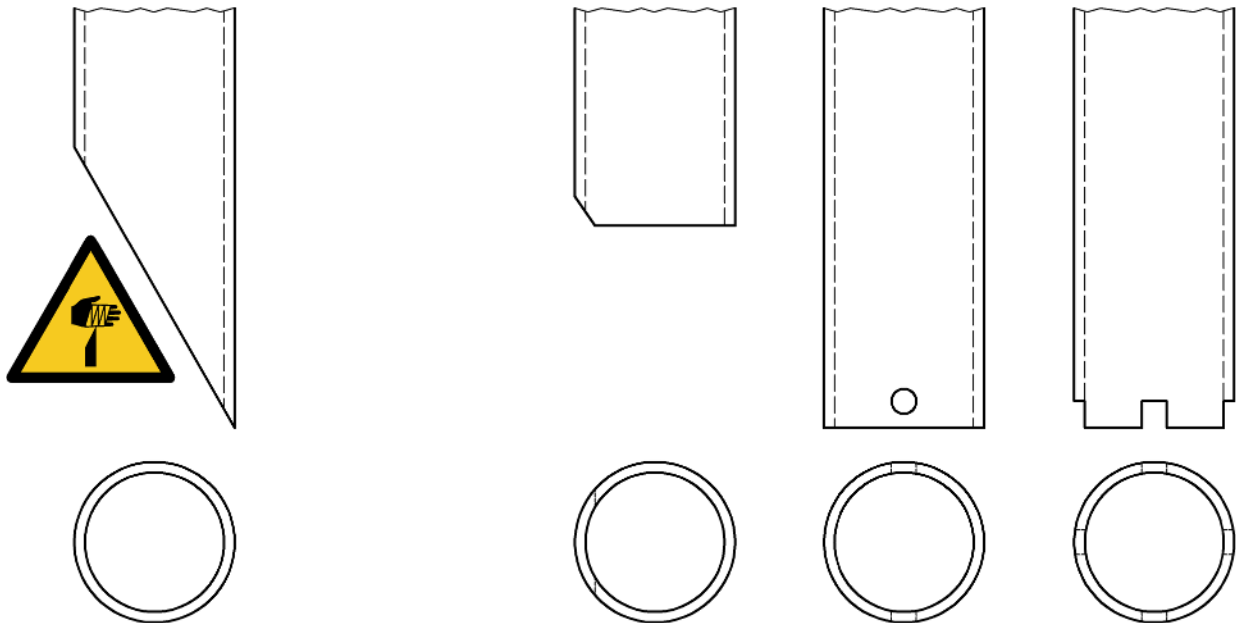
- 1 connection to inductor or proportioning device
- 2 semi rigid translucent tube
- 3 riser pipe
- d nominal diameter
- L total length

Figure 1 — Dimensions of a pick-up tube

Verification

Measurement of dimensions and mass.

The riser pipe end shall not be cut at sharp angle (see Figure 2, a)) to avoid injury to the user. Examples of permitted riser ends are given in Figure 2, b)).



Symbol = ISO 7010-W022

a) Riser pipe end not permitted

b) Examples of permitted riser pipe ends

Figure 2 — Riser pipe end

Verification

Visual inspection.

4.2 Material

The semi rigid tube shall be made of thermoplastic material, optionally with reinforcement (e.g. spiral wire or fibre reinforced).

The material of the tube shall be translucent in order to view the presence of the foam concentrate or additive inside the semi rigid tube and/or flow disturbances.

Verification

Visual inspection and supplier material certificate.

The resistance to foam concentrate or additive shall be agreed between the supplier and the user.

The pick-up tube should be UV-resistant.

Verification

Material certificates.

4.3 Connection to the inductor/proportioning device

The wall thickness shall be selected in such a way that the tube is permanently fixed to the coupling.

A tube clamp or other convenient binding mechanism is permitted. A suitable permanent adhesive may be used.

Verification

The tube shall be attached to the connector in such a way that its position on the connector does not change.

On the tube heated up to a temperature of (55 ± 3) °C, a traction force of (100 ± 5) N is applied for 15 s to the coupling-free end of the tube.

After 15 s, check by visual inspection that the position of the tube on the connector has not moved.

4.4 Tightness

During a one-minute test, the pressure shall not change.

Verification

At room temperature (23 ± 5) °C, a pressure of $(-0,8 \pm 0,1)$ bar shall be maintained inside the tube for 15 s.

Check that the pressure does not deviate more than 0,1 bar.

4.5 Cross section

During the test below, the outer diameter of the semi rigid tube shall not be more than 20 % smaller at any point, when compared to the original outer diameter.

Verification

The diameter of the semi rigid tube shall be measured after 15 s at a temperature of 55 °C and a pressure of - 0,8 bar.

4.6 Collapsing

During the test below, the semi rigid tube shall not collapse.

Verification

The semi rigid tube, cooled down to a temperature of (-15 ± 2) °C for 30 min, is bent by 180° with a bending inside diameter of $DN \times 10$. Check by visual inspection that the semi rigid tube does not collapse.

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