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Protection cathodique des surfaces internes des réservoirs, ouvrages, équipements et tuyauteries métalliques contenant de l'eau de mer

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## **European foreword**

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**EN 17243:2020 (E)****Introduction**

Metallic structures containing seawater or brackish waters are exposed to the risk of corrosion. Even when a coating is applied to reduce this risk, cathodic protection (CP) is usually used to ensure corrosion control during the structure design life. This is especially important in the presence of galvanic couples between various metals and alloys because corrosion is then concentrated to the less noble material.

Cathodic protection works by supplying sufficient direct current to the internal surface of the structures in contact with water in order to change the structure to electrolyte potential to values where the corrosion rate is insignificant.

The general principles and theoretical aspects of cathodic protection in seawater are detailed in EN 12473.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements and recommendations for cathodic protection systems applied to the internal surfaces of metallic tanks, structures, equipment and piping containing natural or treated seawater or brackish waters to provide an efficient protection from corrosion.

Cathodic protection inside fresh water systems is excluded from this document. This is covered by EN 12499.

NOTE EN 12499 covers internal cathodic protection for any kind of waters, including general aspects for seawater but excluding industrial cooling water systems. This document specifically details applications in seawater and brackish waters.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12473, *General principles of cathodic protection in seawater*

EN 12496, *Galvanic anodes for cathodic protection in seawater and saline mud*

EN 12499, *Internal cathodic protection of metallic structures*

EN 13509, *Cathodic protection measurement techniques*

EN ISO 8044, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Basic terms and definitions (ISO 8044)*

EN ISO 9606-1, *Qualification testing of welders — Fusion welding — Part 1: Steels (ISO 9606-1)*

EN ISO 15257, *Cathodic protection — Competence levels of cathodic protection persons — Basis for certification scheme (ISO 15257)*

EN ISO 15607, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — General rules (ISO 15607)*

EN ISO 15609-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification — Part 1: Arc welding (ISO 15609-1)*

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