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# European foreword

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In comparison with EN 12168:2016, the following significant technical changes were made:

a) Modification of the note in Clause 1;

b) Introduction of eddy current test parameters in 6.6;

c) Introduction of 6.7 Internal inclusion;

d) Modification of the definition of diameter or width across-flats in 6.5.4.1;

e) Addition of a new Figure for straightness at 6.5.5 and modification of values in Table 13;

f) Introduction in the chemical composition Tables of a footnote to explain the meaning of elements for which no upper and lower limits are specified;

g) Deletion of alloys groups in Table 3;

h) Modification of the chemical composition of CuZn39Pb3 (CW614N), CuZn40Pb2 (CW617N), CuZn35Pb1,5AlAs (CW625N) and CuZn33Pb1,5AlAs (CW626N) in Table 3;

i) Addition of a new alloy CuZn40Pb1 (CW627N) in Table 3 and Table 7;

j) Modification of the chemical composition of CuZn33Pb1AlSiAs (CW725R) in Table 4;

k) Addition of a new alloy CuZn36Si1P (CW726R) in Table 4 and Table 8;

l) Modification of the range of dimensions in Table 9 and in Table 11;

m) Addition of Table 18 and Table 19;

n) Addition of Annex ZA.

This document is one of a series of European Standards for the copper and copper alloy products rod, wire, profile and forgings. Other products are specified as follows:

— EN 12163, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for general purposes*;

— EN 12164, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes*;

— EN 12165, *Copper and copper alloys — Wrought and unwrought forging stock*;

— EN 12166, *Copper and copper alloys — Wire for general purposes*;

— EN 12167, *Copper and copper alloys — Profiles and bars for general purposes*;

— EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes*;

— EN 13602, *Copper and copper alloys — Drawn, round copper wire for the manufacture of electrical conductors*;

— EN 13605, *Copper and copper alloys — Copper profiles and profiled wire for electrical purposes*.

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# 1 Scope

This document specifies the composition, property requirements and dimensional tolerances for copper alloy hollow rod, finally produced by drawing or extruding, specifically intended for free machining purposes.

NOTE Hollow products having an outside diameter greater than 80 mm and/or a wall thickness less than 2 mm are most frequently specified in EN 12449.

The sampling procedures, the methods of test for verification of conformity to the requirements of this document, are also specified.

# 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 764-5:2014, *Pressure equipment — Part 5: Inspection documentation of metallic materials and compliance with the material specification*

EN 10204:2004, *Metallic products — Types of inspection documents*

EN 14977:2006, *Copper and copper alloys — Detection of tensile stress — 5 % ammonia test*

EN 17263:2019, *Copper and copper alloys — Eddy current testing on the outer surface of rods, bars, hollow rods and wires for the detection of defects by encircling test coil*

EN ISO 6506-1:2014, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6506-1:2014)*

EN ISO 6507-1:2018, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1:2018)*

EN ISO 6509-1:2014, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Determination of dezincification resistance of copper alloys with zinc — Part 1: Test method (ISO 6509-1:2014)*

EN ISO 6892-1:2019, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature (ISO 6892-1:2019)*

ISO 6957:1988, *Copper alloys — Ammonia test for stress corrosion resistance*

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