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EN 13938-1:2025 (E)**European foreword**

This document (EN 13938-1:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 321 “Explosives for civil uses”, the secretariat of which is held by UNE.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2026, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2026.

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This document will supersede EN 13938-1:2004. In addition, together with EN 13630-1:2025, EN 13631-1:2025 and EN 13763-1:2025, this document will supersede EN 13857-3:2002.

EN 13938-1:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 13938-1:2004:

- a) the Scope has been revised enlarged to clarify the covered explosives;
- b) the normative references have been updated;
- c) the terminology entry 3.1 has been removed;
- d) the former Clause 4 “Requirements” has been replaced by separate clauses specifying the requirements for each explosive covered in this document;
- e) the requirements on information to be provided for solid gun propellants, solid rocket propellants, black powder used as propellant and powder cakes have been added to this document as new Sub-Clauses 4.1, 5.1, 6.1 and 7.1; these requirements have been moved to this document in a revised form from EN 13857-3:2002;
- f) the requirements on the properties of the explosives covered in this document have been revised to match the expression of the results in the corresponding test method standards;
- g) the requirement regarding the integrity of inhibitor coatings for solid gun propellants has been removed;
- h) the Annex ZA has been updated;
- i) the Bibliography has been updated.

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EN 13938-1:2025 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies requirements for propellants and rocket propellants. It is applicable to solid gun propellants and solid rocket propellants.

This document also specifies requirements for powder cakes.

This document is applicable to black powder when used as propellant, for pyrotechnic articles or for safety fuses.

This document does not apply to black powder used for blasting; for requirements for black powder used for blasting, see EN 13631-1:2025.

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 13631-2:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 2: Verification of thermal stability*

EN 13631-3:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 3: Verification of the insensitiveness to friction of explosives for blasting and explosive substances*

EN 13631-4:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 4: Verification of the insensitiveness to impact of explosives for blasting and explosive substances*

EN 13631-13:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Explosives for blasting, boosters and explosive substances — Part 13: Verification of density*

EN 13857-1:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

EN 13938-2:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Propellants and rocket propellants — Part 2: Verification of the resistance of solid gun propellants to electrostatic discharge*

EN 13938-3:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Propellants and rocket propellants — Part 3: Verification of deflagration to detonation transition of solid gun propellants*

EN 13938-4:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Propellants and rocket propellants — Part 4: Determination of burning rate of solid gun propellants and black powder*

EN 13938-5:2025, *Explosives for civil uses — Propellants and rocket propellants — Part 5: Verification of safe functioning of solid rocket propellants used in small rocket motors*

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