



Personal protection – Equipment for eye and face protection during welding and allied processes

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English version

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protection during welding and allied processes**

Protection individuelle – Equipements de
protection des yeux et du visage pour le
soudage et les techniques connexes

Persönlicher Schutz – Geräte für Augen- und
Gesichtsschutz beim Schweißen und bei
verwandten Verfahren

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 85 "Eye protective equipment", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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of an identical text or by endorsement at the latest by January 1998, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 1998.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

Annex A is informative.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies safety requirements and test methods for personal protective equipment used to protect the operator's eyes and face against harmful optical radiation and other specific risks or hazards in usual welding, cutting or similar operations. This standard specifies protection including ergonomic aspects against risks or hazards of radiative, flammable, mechanical and electrical nature. The equipment is designed to incorporate protective filters, with or without cover/backing oculars as recommended by the welding protector manufacturer, in accordance with EN 166:1995 and complying with EN 169:1992 or EN 379:1994.

Hoods, inspector face screens, laser protective equipment and welding protection for special applications, are not covered in this standard.

This standard defines the terms used and specifies requirements for materials, design and manufacture.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 165:1995	Personal eye-protection - Vocabulary
EN 166:1995	Personal eye-protection - Specifications
EN 168:1995	Personal eye-protection - Non-optical test methods
EN 169:1992	Personal eye-protection - Filters for welding and related techniques - Transmittance requirements and recommended utilisation
EN 379:1994	Specification for welding filters with switchable luminous transmittance and welding filters with dual luminous transmittance

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the definitions of EN 165:1995 apply together with the following :

3.1 welding protector

A device which provides protection to the wearer against harmful optical radiation and other specific risks generated by welding or allied processes.

NOTE : It may be a welding shield, a welding goggle or welding spectacles.

3.2 welder's face shield

A welder's shield worn on the head and in front of the face, usually secured in position by a harness to give protection to the eyes and face when fitted with the appropriate filter(s).

3.3 welder's hand shield

A welder's shield held in the hand to give protection to the eyes and face when fitted with the appropriate filter(s).

3.4 safety helmet mounted welder's face shield

A welder's shield mounted on a compatible safety helmet, that gives protection to the eyes and face when fitted with the appropriate filter(s).

3.5 welder's goggle

A device held in position usually by a headband, enclosing the orbital cavity into which radiation arising from welding operation can penetrate only through filter(s) and, where provided, filter cover(s).

3.6 welder's spectacles

A frame, with lateral protection, holding suitable filters in front of the eyes, to give them protection.

NOTE : It may usually be held in position with sidearms or a headband fitting.

3.7 harness

An assembly that provides a means of maintaining a welder's face shield in position on the head.

3.8 headband

That part of the harness to which the welder's face shield is fixed and which surrounds the head, or that part of the goggle or spectacle which secures the goggle or spectacle, onto the head.

3.9 comfort band or sweat band

An accessory to cover at least the inner front surface of the headband to improve wearer comfort.

3.10 housing

The part of equipment that supports the filter(s), cover(s) and/or backing oculars.

3.11 backing ocular

A generally untinted ocular used mainly to protect the wearer from flying particles.

4 Design and manufacture

4.1 General construction

All welding protectors and component parts shall be free from projections, sharp edges or other defects which are likely to cause discomfort or injury to the user.

4.2 Field of vision

The field of vision shall not be obstructed except by the boundaries of the filter holders.

4.3 Materials

No parts of the welding protector which are in contact with the wearer shall be made of materials which are known to cause skin irritation.

4.4 Headbands

Headbands when used as the principal means of retention, shall be at least 10 mm wide.

4.5 Heat insulation

All metal fittings that are likely to be exposed to thermal radiation shall be, where applicable, insulated to protect the wearer from exposure to excessive heat.

4.6 Replacement

Filters and cover/backing oculars shall be readily replaceable by the wearer without use of special tools.

5 Requirements

5.1 General requirements

Welding protector housings shall provide at least the same protection against radiation as that given by the darkest filters declared usable by the manufacturer or supplier.

Ventilation, where provided, shall be such that the intended protection shall not be affected.