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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 165 "Waste water engineering", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2000, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2001.

This part is the third in a series relating to the functional requirements of gravity drainage systems inside buildings. There will be five parts, as follows: Gravity drainage systems inside buildings

Part 1: General and performance requirements

Part 2: Sanitary pipework - Layout and calculation

Part 3: Roof drainage - Layout and calculation

Part 4: Waste water lifting plants - Layout and calculation

Part 5: Installation and testing, instructions for operation, maintenance and use

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## **1 Scope**

This European Standard applies to wastewater drainage systems, which operate under gravity. It is applicable for drainage systems inside dwellings and commercial, institutional and industrial buildings.

This third part of this European Standard describes a method of calculating the hydraulic adequacy of non-siphonic roof drainage systems and gives performance requirements for siphonic roof drainage systems. It also sets standards for the layout and installation of roof drainage insofar as they affect flow capacity.

This part of this European Standard applies to all roof drainage systems where the outlets are large enough not to limit the flow capacity of the gutter (i.e. free discharge conditions). It applies to all materials used for roof drainage systems.

Detailed information additional to that contained in this Standard may be obtained by referring to the technical documents listed in Annex B.

## 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.

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| EN 12056-1: | Gravity drainage systems inside buildings<br>Part 1: General and performance requirements                                      |
| EN 12056-2: | Gravity drainage systems inside buildings<br>Part 2: Sanitary pipework, layout and calculation                                 |
| EN 12056-5  | Gravity drainage systems inside buildings<br>Part 5: Installation and testing, instructions for operation, maintenance and use |

### 3 Definitions and symbols

#### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following definitions apply:

- 3.1.1 **gutter angle:** Deviation in gutter direction.
- 3.1.2 **design water depth:** Maximum depth of water under design rainfall conditions.
- 3.1.3 **drainage length:** Length of gutter from a stop end to an outlet or half the distance between adjacent outlets, in millimetres.
- 3.1.4 **eaves gutter:** Gutter where any spillover will discharge outside the building.
- 3.1.5 **flat sole:** Sole of the gutter, which is horizontal in cross-section for at least the width of the outlet.
- 3.1.6 **freeboard:** Total depth of gutter minus the designed water depth.
- 3.1.7 **long gutter:** Gutter whose drainage length is greater than 50 times its design water depth.
- 3.1.8 **roof drainage of buildings:** All pipework and fittings outside and inside, fixed to or passing through the building structure, including drains below the building, to the point of connection to the buried drain adjacent to the building, used to remove precipitation from a roof. (See Scope of EN 12056-1.)
- 3.1.9 **short gutter:** Gutter whose drainage length is not greater than 50 times its design water depth.
- 3.1.10 **siphonic drainage system:** Drainage system in which the outlets and pipework enable the system to flow completely full under design conditions and make use of the total head available between the outlets and the discharge point.
- 3.1.11 **spillover level:** Level at which water will overflow the gutter.



### 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following symbols have been used:

Symbol	Description	Unit	Text reference
$A$	effective roof area	$m^2$	Table 3
$A_E$	full cross-sectional area of gutter	$mm^2$	5.1.2
$A_W$	cross-sectional area of the gutter below the freeboard	$mm^2$	5.2.3
$A_o$	plan area of a gutter outlet	$mm^2$	figure 8
$B_R$	width of roof from gutter to ridge	m	figure 1
$C$	runoff coefficient	dimensionless	4.1
$d_i$	internal diameter of pipe	mm	table 8
$D$	effective diameter of a gutter outlet	mm	figure 9
$D_o$	actual diameter of a gutter outlet	mm	figure 9
$f$	filling degree of rainwater pipe which is equal to the proportion of cross section of rainwater pipe filled with water	dimensionless	table 8
$F_d$	depth factor	dimensionless	figure 5
$F_h$	outlet head factor	dimensionless	figure 10
$F_L$	capacity factor for long and sloping gutters	dimensionless	table 6
$F_s$	shape factor	dimensionless	figure 6
$h$	head at outlet	mm	table 7
$H_R$	height of roof from gutter to ridge	m	figure 1
$h_d$	water depth in drain	mm	annex C
$i$	pipe or gutter gradient	dimensionless	annex C
$k_b$	effective pipe roughness	mm	table 8
$k_o$	outlet coefficient	dimensionless	table 7
$L$	drainage length of gutter, i.e. length of gutter from a stop end to an outlet or half the distance between two adjacent outlets	mm	table 6
$L_R$	length of roof to be drained	m	figure 1
$L_S$	length of sump	mm	figure 11
$L_K$	length of taper of a gutter outlet	mm	figure 9
$L_W$	length of weir over which water can flow	mm	5.3.5 and figure 12
$Q$	rate of flow of water	l/s	4.1
$Q_d$	drain capacity	l/s	annex C
$Q_L$	design capacity of "short" gutter, laid level	l/s	5.1.2
$Q_N$	nominal capacity of gutter	l/s	5.1.2

Symbol	Description	Unit	Text reference
$Q_O$	total flow to an outlet (calculated on area drained multiplied by the rainfall intensity)	l/s	table 7
$Q_{RWP}$	capacity of a rainwater pipe	l/s	table 8
$Q_{SE}$	capacity of an equivalent square eaves gutter	l/s	5.1.4 and figure 3
$Q_{SV}$	capacity of an equivalent square valley or parapet gutter	l/s	5.2.3
$R$	is the radius of a gutter outlet	mm	figure 9
$r$	rainfall intensity	$l/(s \cdot m^2)$	4.2
$S$	width of gutter at sole	mm	figure 4
$T$	width of gutter at designated water line	mm	figure 4
$T_R$	distance from gutter to ridge measured along the roof	m	figure 1
$P$	wetted perimeter	mm	annex A
$v$	flow velocity	m/s	annex C
$W$	design water depth	mm	figure 4
$Z$	total depth of gutter to spillover level, including freeboard	mm	figure 4
$\nu$	kinematic viscosity of water	$m^2/s$	annex C

## 4 Runoff calculations

### 4.1 Quantity of rainwater runoff

The rate of flow of rainwater to be drained away from a roof under steady state conditions shall be calculated from equation 1:

$$Q = r \cdot A \cdot C \quad (1)$$

where:

- $Q$  is the rate of flow of water, in litres per second (l/s);
- $r$  is the rainfall intensity, in litres per second per square metre [ $l/(s \cdot m^2)$ ];
- $A$  is the effective roof area, in square metres ( $m^2$ );
- $C$  is a runoff coefficient (taken as 1,0 unless national and local regulations and practice state otherwise), dimensionless.

**4.2 Rainfall intensity, *r***

- 4.2.1 Where there is adequate statistical rainfall data related to the frequency of recurrence of storms of specific intensity and duration, the rainfall intensity, *r*, used in equation 1 shall be chosen with due regard to the nature and use of the building and appropriate to the degree of risk that can be accepted. Where statistical rainfall data is used, clause 4.2.2 shall not apply.
- 4.2.2 Where statistical rainfall data does not exist, a minimum rainfall intensity used as a basis for design shall be chosen from the intensities listed in table 1, appropriate to the climate at the location of the building and in accordance with national and local regulations and practice. The minimum rainfall intensity shall be multiplied by a risk factor given in table 2 to give the rainfall intensity, *r*, to be used in equation 1, unless national and local regulations and practice state otherwise.

**Table 1: Rainfall intensity rates**

Rainfall intensity $l/(s \cdot m^2)$
0,010
0,015
0,020
0,025
0,030
0,040
0,050
0,060

**Table 2: Risk factors**

Situation	Risk factor
Eaves gutters	1,0
Eaves gutters where water overflowing would cause particular inconvenience, e.g. over entrances to public buildings	1,5
Non-eaves gutters and in all other circumstances where abnormally heavy rain or blockage in the roof drainage system could cause water to spillover into the building	2,0
For non-eaves gutters in buildings where an exceptional degree of protection is necessary, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- hospital operating theatres</li> <li>- critical communications facilities</li> <li>- storage for substances that give off toxic or flammable fumes when wet</li> <li>- buildings housing outstanding works of art</li> </ul>	3,0