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Foreword

This document (EN 54-16:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 72 “Fire detection and fire alarm systems”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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- *Part 1: Introduction*
- *Part 2: Control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 3: Fire alarm devices – Sounders*
- *Part 4: Power supply equipment*
- *Part 5: Heat detectors – Point detectors*
- *Part 7: Smoke detectors – Point detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization*
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- *Part 11: Manual call points*
- *Part 12: Smoke detectors – Line detectors using an optical light beam*
- *Part 13: Compatibility assessment of system components*
- *Part 14: Guidelines for planning, design, installation, commissioning, use and maintenance*
- *Part 15: Point detectors using a combination of detected phenomena*
- *Part 16: Voice alarm control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 17: Short-circuit isolators*
- *Part 18: Input/output devices*
- *Part 20: Aspirating smoke detectors*
- *Part 21: Alarm transmission and fault warning routine equipment*

- *Part 22: Line-type heat detectors*
- *Part 23: Fire alarm devices – Visual alarms*
- *Part 24: Components of voice alarm systems – Loudspeakers*
- *Part 25: Components using radio links*
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Introduction

A voice alarm system used in a fire detection and fire alarm system provides, manually and/or automatically, an audible fire alarm signal within the building.

Such a fire alarm voice alarm system will require voice alarm control and indicating equipment (VACIE) (see 3.1.1) to control the alarm signal(s) and the fire alarm voice message(s). The voice alarm control and indicating equipment may be a separate unit or may be physically combined with the fire detection and fire alarm control and indicating equipment (CIE as referenced in EN 54-2).

This part of EN 54 follows closely the format and requirements of EN 54-2 and is drafted on the basis of mandatory functions which are to be provided on all voice alarm control and indicating equipment, and optional functions (with requirements) which may be provided. It is intended that the options be used for specific applications, as recommended in application guidelines.

This European Standard does not specify requirements for components of the VACIE as separate parts; they are tested as part of the voice alarm control and indicating equipment as a whole.

Each optional function is included as a separate entity, with its own set of associated requirements, in order to permit voice alarm control and indicating equipment with many different combinations of functions to comply with this European Standard. Other functions associated with fire detection and fire alarm may also be provided, even if not specified in this European Standard.

Although this European Standard does not cover emergency alarm systems for non-fire applications, it may be used as a basis for the assessment of the control and indication equipment for such systems.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements, methods of test and performance criteria for voice alarm control and indicating equipment for use in fire detection and fire alarm systems installed in buildings, where the alarm signal is in the form of tone(s) or voice message(s), or both.

It also provides for the evaluation of conformity of the equipment to the requirements of this European Standard.

NOTE The overall requirements of a voice alarm system, especially concerning audibility and intelligibility, are not covered in this part of EN 54. The manufacturer should consider requirements of an overall system that may affect the equipment design. Such system requirements may be specified in another part of EN 54, in national legislation, codes and standards or in contractual documents.

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