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Foreword

This document (EN 15004-4:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 "Fixed firefighting systems", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2008.

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The text of the International Standard ISO 14520-8:2006 from Technical Committee ISO/TC 21 "Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has been taken over as a European Standard by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 "Fixed firefighting systems", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, with common modifications which are indicated by a straight line in the margin of the text.

This European Standard will consist of the following parts, under the general title *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems*:

- *Part 1: Design, installation and maintenance (ISO 14520-1, modified)*
- *Part 2: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12 extinguishant (ISO 14520-5, modified)*
- *Part 3: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HCFC Blend A extinguishant (ISO 14520-6, modified)*
- *Part 4: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant (ISO 14520-8, modified)*
- *Part 5: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant (ISO 14520-9, modified)*
- *Part 6: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant (ISO 14520-10, modified)*
- *Part 7: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant (ISO 14520-12, modified)*
- *Part 8: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-100 extinguishant (ISO 14520-13, modified)*
- *Part 9: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant (ISO 14520-14, modified)*
- *Part 10: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant (ISO 14520-15, modified)*

The International Standards ISO 14520-2 and ISO 14520-11, which dealt with CF₃I and HFC 236fa extinguishants, respectively, have not been implemented by CEN, as CF₃I extinguishant is only valid for local

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application and HFC 236fa extinguishant is only applicable for portable fire extinguishers and local application, respectively, which is not covered by the scope.

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Foreword of ISO 14520-8:2006

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ISO 14520-8 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 21, *Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting*, Subcommittee SC 8, *Gaseous media and firefighting systems using gas*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14520-8:2000), which has been technically revised.

ISO 14520 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Gaseous media fire extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: CF₃I extinguishant*
- *Part 5: FK-5-1-12 extinguishant*
- *Part 6: HCFC Blend A extinguishant*
- *Part 8: HFC 125 extinguishant*
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- *Part 11: HFC 236fa extinguishant*
- *Part 12: IG-01 extinguishant*
- *Part 13: IG-100 extinguishant*
- *Part 14: IG-55 extinguishant*
- *Part 15: IG-541 extinguishant*

Parts 3, 4 and 7, which dealt with FC-2-1-8, FC-3-1-10 and HCFC 124 extinguishants, respectively, have been withdrawn, as these types are no longer manufactured.

1 Scope

This document gives specific requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 125 extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects and is applicable to systems operating at nominal pressures of 25 bar and 42 bar, superpressurized with nitrogen. This does not preclude the use of other systems.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 15004-1:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems - Design, installation and maintenance (ISO 14520-1, modified)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15004-1:2008 apply.

4 Characteristics and uses

4.1 General

Extinguishant HFC 125 shall comply with the specification according to Table 1.

HFC 125 is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas with a density approximately four times that of air.

The physical properties are given in Table 2.

HFC 125 extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, but also by some chemical means.

Table 1 — Specification for HFC 125

Property	Requirement
Purity	99,6 % by mass, min.
Acidity	3×10^{-4} by mass, max.
Water content	10×10^{-4} % by mass, max.
Non-volatile residue	0,01 % by mass, max.
Suspended matter or sediment	None visible

Table 2 — Physical properties of HFC 125

Property	Unit	Value
Molecular mass	—	120,02
Boiling point at 1,013 bar (absolute)	°C	– 48,09
Freezing point	°C	– 101
Critical temperature	°C	66,02
Critical pressure	bar abs ^a	36,18
Critical volume	cm ³ /mol	210
Critical density	kg/m ³	573,6
Vapour pressure 20 °C	bar abs ^a	12,05
Liquid density 20 °C	kg/m ³	1 218,0
Saturated vapour density 20 °C	kg/m ³	77,97
Specific volume of superheated vapour at 1,013 bar and 20 °C	m ³ /kg	0,1972
Chemical formula	CF ₃ CHF ₂	
Chemical name	Pentafluoroethane	
^a 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10 ⁵ Pa; 1 MPa = 1 N/mm ² .		

4.2 Use of HFC 125 systems

HFC 125 total flooding systems may be used for extinguishing fires of all classes within the limits specified in EN 15004-1:2008, Clause 4.

The extinguishant requirements per volume of protected space are given in Table 3 for various levels of concentration. These are based on methods given in EN 15004-1:2008, 7.6.

The extinguishing concentrations and design concentrations for n-heptane and Surface Class A hazards are given in Table 4.