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Foreword

This document (EN 13508-2:2003+A1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 165 "Wastewater 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by November 2011, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2011.

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The Standard series EN 13508 "Condition of drain and sewer systems outside buildings" contains the following parts

- Part 1: General requirements
- Part 2: Visual inspection coding system

Other parts, dealing with other methods of inspection, can be added later.

In drafting this part of this European Standard account has been taken of other available standards, in particular EN 752 "Drain and sewer systems outside buildings"

To allow for the alteration of existing data and coding system software in accordance with this standard and training of inspection personnel, a transition period is granted until (DAV + 36 month) for the withdrawal of conflicting national standards and the application of this standard.

Where there are existing inspection programmes to meet legal requirements commenced before the publication of this standard, it is permitted to complete such programmes using the original coding system.

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Introduction

In producing this draft standard, existing national coding systems have been reviewed. To preserve the link with existing data, TC165/WG22 has tried to ensure that there is an equivalent code, or combination of codes, for every observation recorded in an existing national system. ^{A1} This will allow existing data to be transferred to the new coding system. ^{A1}

At present the amount of detail recorded varies between countries. The choice of features to be recorded and the extent of detail to be included is left to the employing authority.

Before the standard can be fully applied, extensive retraining of operators and modification of software will be necessary.

1 Scope

^{A1} This European Standard is applicable to the investigation and assessment of drain and sewer systems outside buildings. ^{A1}

^{A1} It is applicable to drain and sewer systems, which operate essentially under gravity, from the point where the wastewater leaves a building or roof drainage system, or enters a road gully, to the point where it is discharged into a treatment works or receiving water. ^{A1} Drains and sewers below buildings are included provided that they do not form part of the drainage system of the building.

This part of the European Standard specifies a coding system for the description of the internal condition of drains, sewers, manholes and inspection chambers identified through visual inspection. Where appropriate, it can also be used for pressure and vacuum systems in accordance with the requirements of the employing authority. ^{A1} Visual inspection of drain and sewer systems can be carried out as part of the investigation in order to undertake the assessment. ^{A1}

This part of the European Standard does not generally specify requirements for carrying out inspections.

2 Normative references

^{A1} 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. ^{A1}

EN 476:1997, *General requirements for components used in discharge pipes, drains and sewers for gravity systems*

^{A1} EN 752:2008, *Drain and sewer systems outside buildings* ^{A1}

^{A1} EN 1085:2007, *Wastewater treatment — Vocabulary* ^{A1}

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

3 Terms and definitions

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

NOTE These definitions are general terms. Other specific terms are defined in the text.

3.1

adjusting construction

A1 part of a manhole or inspection chamber between the cover and frame and either the shaft or the cover slab. This is used to adjust the level of the cover and frame to accord with the required surface level **A1**

3.2

backdrop manhole

manhole with a connection, by means of a vertical pipe, at or just above invert, from a drain or sewer at a higher level

A1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.5] **A1**

3.3

benching

near horizontal surface adjacent to the channel in a manhole or inspection chamber, or a large sewer

3.4

chamber

part of a manhole or inspection chamber providing working space above the channel

3.5

chamber unit

component part of a manhole or inspection chamber manufactured as a single entity and intended to be joined with other chamber units

3.6

combined system

A1 drain and sewer system designed to carry both foul wastewater and surface water in the same pipeline(s) **A1**

A1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.12, EN 1085:2007, Term 2110] **A1**

3.7

connection

general term used for the location at which one pipeline joins another pipeline or a manhole or inspection chamber

3.8

drain

pipeline, usually underground, designed to carry wastewater and/or surface water from a source to a sewer.

A1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.19, EN 1085:2007, Term 2250] **A1**

3.9

drain system

network of pipelines and ancillary works that conveys wastewater and/or surface water to a cesspool, sewer system or other place of disposal

A1 *deleted text* **A1**

3.10

employing authority

organisation which owns or is responsible for the **A1** management **A1** of a drain or sewer system

3.11

exfiltration

A1 escape of wastewater from a drain or sewer system into surrounding ground **A1**

A1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.24, EN 1085:2007, Term 2230] **A1**

3.12

gradient

ratio between the vertical and the horizontal projections of a pipe length

Ⓐ1 deleted text Ⓐ1

3.13

gravity system

Ⓐ1 drain or sewer system where flow is caused by the force of gravity and where the pipeline is designed usually to operate partially full Ⓐ1

Ⓐ1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.30, EN 1085:2007, Term 2260] Ⓐ1

3.14

groundwater

water present in the sub-surface strata

Ⓐ1 deleted text Ⓐ1

3.15

infiltration

Ⓐ1 <into the drain and sewer system> unwanted flow resulting from an ingress of groundwater into a drain or sewer system Ⓐ1

Ⓐ1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.33, EN 1085:2007, Term 2220] Ⓐ1

3.16

inspection chamber

Ⓐ1 chamber with a removable cover constructed on a drain or sewer that permits the introduction of cleaning and inspection equipment from surface level, but does not provide access for personnel Ⓐ1

Ⓐ1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.34] Ⓐ1

3.17

invert

lowest point of the internal surface of the barrel of a pipe or channel at any cross section

[EN 476:1997]

3.18

joint

location at which the ends of two adjacent pipe units are joined together longitudinally

3.19

junction

connection made using a prefabricated junction pipe unit

3.20

landing

intermediate rest platform used to limit the height of a run of steps in a manhole

3.21

manhole

chamber with a removable cover constructed on a drain or sewer to permit entry by personnel

Ⓐ1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.41] Ⓐ1

3.22

node

manhole, inspection chamber, outfall, rodding eye or other significant intermediate point

3.23

outfall

Ⓐ1 structure or point from which wastewater is discharged to a wastewater treatment plant or receiving water Ⓐ1

Ⓐ1 [EN 752:2008, Term 3.42, EN 1085:2007, Term 1280] Ⓐ1

3.24

pipe unit

component part of a drain or sewer manufactured as a single entity and intended to be joined with other pipe units