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Foreword

This document (EN 54-26:2015) 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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EN 54, *Fire detection and fire alarm systems*, consists of the following parts:

- *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;*
- *Part 10: Flame detectors — Point detectors;*
- *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 [CEN Technical Specification];*
- *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 routing equipment;*
- *Part 22: Resettable line-type heat detectors [currently at acceptance stage];*
- *Part 23: Fire alarm devices — Visual alarms devices;*

- *Part 24: Components of voice alarm systems — Loudspeakers;*
- *Part 25: Components using radio links;*
- *Part 26: Carbon monoxide detectors — Point detectors [the present document];*
- *Part 27: Duct smoke detectors;*
- *Part 28: Non-resettable line type heat detectors [currently at drafting stage];*
- *Part 29: Multi-sensor fire detectors — Point detectors using a combination of smoke and heat sensors;*
- *Part 30: Multi-sensor fire detectors — Point detectors using a combination of carbon monoxide and heat sensors;*
- *Part 31: Multi-sensor fire detectors — Point detectors using a combination of smoke, carbon monoxide and optionally heat sensors;*
- *Part 32: Planning, design, installation, commissioning, use and maintenance of voice alarm systems [currently at acceptance stage].*

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Introduction

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a product of the incomplete combustion of carbon-based materials. CO fire detectors can react promptly to smouldering fires involving carbonaceous materials because CO does not depend solely on convection, but also moves by diffusion. CO fire detectors might be better suited to applications where other fire detection techniques are prone to false alarms, i.e. due to dust, steam and cooking vapours.

The purpose of this standard is to ensure that carbon monoxide (CO) fire detectors have adequate sensitivity and reliability for use in fire detection and fire alarm systems for residential commercial and industrial premises. CO may not be produced in detectable quantities where pyrolysis of material rather than self-sustained combustion occurs (e.g. overheating cables) or in the early stages of rapidly burning flaming fires (e.g. liquid fuel fires). It is important that carbon monoxide fire detectors are only used where a risk assessment indicates that they are appropriate for detecting the types of fires that may occur. CO fire detectors should not be considered as a direct replacement for smoke detectors. CO fire detectors detect carbon monoxide gas rather than the smoke particulates detected by optical and ionization smoke detectors.

A number of different methods for sensing CO are suitable. However, most sensors will also be influenced by other gases and phenomena. Tests have therefore been included in the test schedule to assess cross-sensitivity to substances normally present in the service environment that may affect the performance of the detector.

As CO detectors are specifically well suited for the detection of incipient fires rather than flaming fires this standard only includes tests to verify performance in smouldering fires. For this purpose, test fires TF2 and TF3 from EN 54-7 have been included in the test schedule. An additional validity criterion has been added to each of these tests to make them suitable for evaluating CO fire detectors.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements, test methods and performance criteria for point detectors using carbon monoxide sensing for use in fire detection and fire alarm systems in and around buildings (see EN 54-1:2011).

This European Standard provides for the assessment and verification of consistency of performance (AVCP) of carbon monoxide point detectors to this EN.

This European Standard does not apply to fire detectors incorporating at least one CO sensing element in combination with other elements sensing different fire phenomena.

CO detectors having special characteristics suitable for the detection of specific fire risks are not covered by this European Standard. The performance requirements for any additional functions are beyond the scope of this European Standard (e.g. additional features or enhanced functionality for which this standard does not define a test or assessment method).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 54-1:2011, *Fire detection and fire alarm systems — Part 1: Introduction*

EN 54-7:2000¹⁾, *Fire detection and fire alarm systems — Part 7: Smoke detectors — Point detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization*

EN 50130-4:2011, *Alarm systems — Part 4: Electromagnetic compatibility — Product family standard: Immunity requirements for components of fire, intruder, hold up, CCTV, access control and social alarm systems*

EN 60068-1:2014, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance (IEC 60068-1:2013)*

EN 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing — Part 2-1: Tests — Test A: Cold (IEC 60068-2-1:2007)*

EN 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing — Part 2-2: Tests — Test B: Dry heat (IEC 60068-2-2:2007)*

EN 60068-2-6:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal) (IEC 60068-2-6:2007)*

EN 60068-2-27:2009, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock (IEC 60068-2-27:2008)*

EN 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing — Part 2-30: Tests — Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle) (IEC 60068-2-30:2005)*

EN 60068-2-42:2003, *Environmental testing — Part 2-42: Tests — Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections (IEC 60068-2-42:2003)*

EN 60068-2-78:2013, *Environmental testing — Part 2-78: Tests — Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state (IEC 60068-2-78:2012)*

¹⁾ This document is currently impacted by the stand-alone amendments EN 54-7:2000/A1:2002 and EN 54-7:2000/A2:2006.