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## European foreword

This document (EN 13555:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 74 “Flanges and their joints”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- a) in Clause 2 the list of normative references has been revised;
- b) in Clause 3 the list of definitions has been revised;
- c) in Clause 5 the list of gasket parameters has been revised;
- d) in 8.5 on the determination of  $Q_{Smax}$  has been revised;
- e) a new informative Annex I on the guideline for interpretation of test results and acceptable modification of measured characteristics has been added.

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## **Introduction**

This document provides the test procedures to allow the generation of the gasket parameters to enable the design formulas established in EN 1591-1 to be employed. The same test procedures may be used for “Type Testing” of gaskets and gasket materials. These procedures are not for routine quality control purposes.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the gasket parameters required by EN 1591-1 and provides the test procedures for establishing the values of these parameters.

Gaskets which are wholly based upon elastomers, or based upon elastomers with only the inclusion of particulate fillers or particulate reinforcement, as opposed to gaskets combining elastomers, fillers and fibrous reinforcement, are beyond the scope of this document.

NOTE The testing procedures given might be applicable to gaskets of other shapes and dimensions.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 1092-1, *Flanges and their joints - Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, PN designated - Part 1: Steel flanges*

EN 1514-1, *Flanges and their joints - Dimensions of gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 1: Non-metallic flat gaskets with or without inserts*

EN 1514-2, *Flanges and their joints - Gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 2: Spiral wound gaskets for use with steel flanges*

EN 1514-3, *Flanges and their joints - Dimensions of gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 3: Non-metallic PTFE envelope gaskets*

EN 1514-4, *Flanges and their joints - Dimensions of gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 4: Corrugated, flat or grooved metallic and filled metallic gaskets for use with steel flanges*

EN 1514-6, *Flanges and their joints - Dimensions of gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 6: Covered serrated metal gaskets for use with steel flanges*

EN 1514-7, *Flanges and their joints - Gaskets for PN-designated flanges - Part 7: Covered metal jacketed gaskets for use with steel flanges*

EN 1591-1:2013, *Flanges and their joints - Design rules for gasketed circular flange connections - Part 1: Calculation*

EN 1759-1, *Flanges and their joint - Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, Class designated - Part 1: Steel flanges, NPS 1/2 to 24*

EN 1779, *Non-destructive testing - Leak testing - Criteria for method and technique selection*

EN 12560-1, *Flanges and their joints - Gaskets for Class-designated flanges - Part 1: Non-metallic flat gaskets with or without inserts*

EN 12560-2, *Flanges and their joints - Dimensions of gaskets for Class-designated flanges - Part 2: Spiral wound gaskets for use with steel flanges*

EN 12560-3, *Flanges and their joints - Gaskets for Class-designated flanges - Part 3: Non-metallic PTFE envelope gaskets*