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— the standard was totally revised so as to make it comply with EN 1990; and

— sections covering "Flat panels" and "Loading from local loads" removed from the standard.

EN 13121, *GRP tanks and vessels for use above ground*, is currently composed of the following parts:

— *Part 1: Raw materials — Specification conditions and acceptance conditions*;

— *Part 2: Composite materials — Chemical resistance*;

— *Part 3: Design and workmanship*;

— *Part 4: Delivery, installation and maintenance*;

— *Part 5: Example of calculation* (CEN/TR 13121-5; in preparation).

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Introduction

The five parts of EN 13121 together define the responsibilities of the tank or vessel manufacturer and the materials to be used in their manufacture.

EN 13121-1 specifies the requirements and acceptance conditions for the raw materials - resins, curing agents, thermoplastics linings, reinforcing materials and additives. These requirements are necessary in order to establish the chemical resistance properties determined in EN 13121-2 and the mechanical, thermal and design properties determined in this part of EN 13121. Together with the workmanship principles determined in this Part 3, requirements and acceptance conditions for raw materials ensure that the tank or vessel will be able to meet its design requirements. EN 13121-4 of this standard specifies recommendations for delivery, handling, installation and maintenance of GRP tanks and vessels

The design and manufacture of GRP tanks and vessels involve a number of different materials such as resins, thermoplastics and reinforcing fibres and a number of different manufacturing methods. It is implicit that vessels and tanks covered by this standard are made only by manufacturers who are competent and suitably equipped to comply with all the requirements of this standard, using materials manufactured by competent and experienced material manufacturers.

Metallic vessels, and those manufactured from other isotropic, homogeneous materials, are conveniently designed by calculating permissible loads based on measured tensile and ductility properties. GRP, on the other hand, is a laminar material, manufactured through the successive application of individual layers of reinforcement. As a result there are many possible combinations of reinforcement type that will meet the structural requirement of any one-design case. This allows the designer to select the laminate construction best suited to the available manufacturing facilities and hence be most cost effective.

In considering a layered GRP structure it is assumed that it is the glass reinforcement that provides the stiffness and strength required to resist mechanical loadings. Also, since the quantity of glass reinforcement is most readily assessed by weight, the weight of glass per unit area (m) is used instead of thickness in determining mechanical properties, thus the concepts of load and modulus are replaced by unit strength (u) and unit modulus (X), these being defined in Table 1.

It is possible that future advances in resin technology would allow tanks and vessels to be considered for operating temperatures above 120 °C. Should such a situation arise and a manufacturer wish to take advantage of such developments then all other requirements of this standard will be maintained and such tanks and vessels will only be designed in accordance with the advanced design method given in 7.9.3.

NOTE To convert a unit load, or a unit modulus to a load and a modulus respectively, U and X may be simply divided by t, where t is the thickness per weight of glass per unit area of the lamina, or laminate under consideration.

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1 Scope

This European Standard gives requirements for the design, fabrication, inspection, testing and verification of GRP tanks and vessels with or without thermoplastics lining for storage or processing of fluids, factory made or site built, non-pressurized or pressurized up to 10 bar, for use above ground. Further requirements are presented in normative Annex G.

The terms vessels and tanks as used in this part of EN 13121 include branches up to the point of connection to pipe work or other equipment by bolting and supports, brackets or other attachments bonded directly to the shell.

This part of EN 13121 covers vessels and tanks subject to temperatures between – 40 °C and 120 °C.

Excluded from this part of EN 13121 are:

— tanks and vessels for the transport of fluids;

— underground storage tanks;

— spherical vessels;

— vessels and tanks of irregular shape;

— tanks and vessels with double containment where the double wall is considered structural;

— tanks and vessels which are subject to the risk of explosion, or failure of which may cause an emission of radioactivity;

— specification for fibre reinforced cisterns of one piece and sectional construction for the storage, above ground, of cold water (see EN 13280).

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 59, *Glass reinforced plastics — Determination of indentation hardness by means of a Barcol hardness tester*

EN 1092-1, *Flanges and their joints — Circular flanges for pipes, valves, fittings and accessories, PN designated — Part 1: Steel flanges*

EN 1990, *Eurocode — Basis of structural design*

EN 1991–1-1, *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures — Part 1-1: General actions — Densities, self-weight, imposed loads for buildings*

EN 1991-1-3, *Eurocode 1 — Actions on structures — Part 1-3: General actions - Snow loads*

EN 1991-1-4, *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures — Part 1-4: General actions - Wind actions*

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