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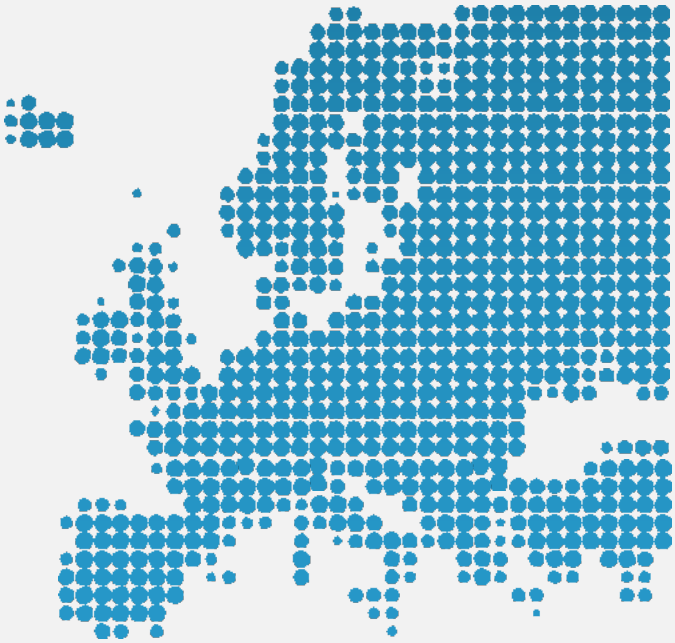
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Continued Relevance of EN 12635 for the Safe Service and Maintenance of Industrial, Commercial and Garage Doors, Gates and Barriers



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1. Purpose and scope

This guideline explains the continued relevance of EN 12635 for the safe installation, use, service, maintenance, repair and upgrading of industrial, commercial and garage doors, gates and barriers. It is intended to support manufacturers, installers, service providers, building owners and users in understanding how the essential principles formerly set out in EN 12635 continue to apply within the present standards framework.
This guideline does not reproduce all detailed requirements for service organisations or service engineers. General E.D.S.F. recommendations on safe service and maintenance are provided in Guideline 08.

2. Original role of EN 12635

EN 12635 was the principal European standard addressing the information and instructions required for the safe installation, operation, use, maintenance, repair and dismantling of doors and gates. In particular, it established the link between the manufacturer's product documentation and the activities to be carried out during the service life of the product.
The standard also described the competence expected of persons and organisations performing installation, maintenance and related work. Its concepts of a professional installer and a competent person therefore became important reference points for the door and gate sector.

3. Formal withdrawal and continued relevance

As part of the revision of the door standards, relevant content of EN 12635 was transferred to EN 12453, with the intention of subsequently withdrawing EN 12635. However, because the revision of EN 13241 and its adaptation to the new Construction Products Regulation have been significantly delayed, EN 12635 was formally withdrawn before

the revised standards framework was completed. Its content nevertheless remains available through its transfer to EN 12453 and continues to be relevant through the reference to EN 12635 in the currently cited version of EN 13241. It is important to recognise that the formal withdrawal of EN 12635 does not invalidate or diminish the safety principles and responsibilities established by the standard. Those principles remain applicable because the relevant requirements have been transferred to, or are addressed by, other standards within the European standards framework for doors and gates.
Accordingly, the former EN 12635 remains an important source for understanding the origin, context and practical application of requirements concerning manufacturer's instructions, maintenance, safe working procedures and the qualification of persons undertaking such work.

4. Relationship with EN 13241

The currently cited version of the product standard EN 13241 originates from the former Construction Products Directive framework and continues to be used within the applicable European construction-products framework until it is replaced by a newly cited harmonised standard.
This version of EN 13241 refers to supporting standards, including EN 12635. For the application of the currently cited product standard, those normative references must therefore be understood in the context of that cited version. The formal withdrawal of EN 12635 does not, by itself, remove its relevance where EN 13241 continues to refer to it.
A revised EN 13241 is under development. Until a revised version is cited under the applicable construction-products legislation, manufacturers and other economic operators should continue to take account of the references and requirements associated with the currently cited version.

5. Transfer of requirements to EN 12453 and EN 12604

The relevant requirements formerly contained in EN 12635 are now addressed primarily in EN 12453 and EN 12604. EN 12453 covers safety in use of power-operated doors and includes relevant provisions concerning instructions, inspection and maintenance, while EN 12604 addresses corresponding aspects for mechanically operated doors. Together, these standards provide the current normative basis for key requirements that were previously brought together in EN 12635, including the competence required for relevant activities.
The applicable requirements should therefore be identified according to the product concerned, its mode of operation and the activity to be performed. EN 12635, EN 12453, EN 12604 and EN 13241 should not be read as isolated documents, but as parts of a connected standards framework.

6. Practical consequences

Manufacturers should continue to provide clear instructions for installation, operation, inspection, service, maintenance, repair, replacement of components and, where applicable, dismantling. The instructions should define the necessary work, intervals and competence in relation to the intended use, foreseeable operating conditions and safety-related characteristics of the product.
Installers and service providers should ensure that work is performed by persons with suitable training, knowledge, practical experience and access to the manufacturer's instructions. Their competence should correspond to the complexity and safety relevance of the activity performed.

Building owners and users should retain the relevant documentation, arrange service and maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and ensure that changes in use, modifications or safety deficiencies are assessed by a competent person.

7. E.D.S.F. position and reference to Guideline No 8

The formal withdrawal of EN 12635 must not be interpreted as a reduction of the safety level or as the removal of the duties associated with safe installation, service and maintenance. Its essential principles remain relevant through the currently cited version of EN 13241 and through the standards into which its requirements have been transferred.
E.D.S.F. recommends that manufacturers, installers, service providers, building owners and users apply the current standards together with the manufacturer's instructions and preserve the safety objective formerly expressed in EN 12635.
For general recommendations concerning service intervals, qualified service providers, competent service engineers and the content of service training, reference is made to E.D.S.F. Guideline 08, "Guide for Safe Service and Maintenance".

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Revision 1 clarifies the continued relevance and practical significance of EN 12635 within the current standards framework, notwithstanding its formal withdrawal.

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