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d'explosion

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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 13673-1:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 305, "Potentially explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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### Introduction

This European Standard describes a test method for the determination of the explosion pressure and the maximum explosion pressure of a flammable gas/air/inert mixture at ambient temperature and pressure.

Explosion pressures and maximum explosion pressures are used in the design of explosion protection techniques, such as explosion resistant and explosion shock resistant construction. These are particularly influenced by :

- size and shape of the vessel;
- type and energy of the ignition source;
- temperature and pressure.

So it is important that they are measured at standardised conditions.

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