

Steps for underground man entry chambers — Requirements, marking, testing and evaluation of conformity

The European Standard EN 13101:2002 has the status of a
British Standard

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National foreword

This British Standard is the official English language version of EN 13101:2002. EN 13101 is a candidate “harmonized” European Standard and fully takes into account the requirements of the European Commission mandate M118 “Waste water engineering products”, given under the EU Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC), and intended to lead to CE marking. The date of applicability of EN 13101 as a harmonized European Standard, i.e. the date after which this standard may be used for CE marking purposes, is subject to an announcement in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

The Commission in consultation with Member States have agreed a transition period for the co-existence of harmonized European Standards and their corresponding national standard(s). It is intended that this period will comprise a period, usually nine months, after the date of availability of the European Standard, during which any required changes to national regulations are to be made, followed by a further period, usually of 12 months, for the implementation of CE marking. At the end of this co-existence period, the national standard(s) will be withdrawn.

EN 13101 is the subject of transitional arrangements agreed under the Commission mandate. In the UK, the corresponding national standards are:

- BS 1247-1:1990, *Specification for galvanized ferrous or stainless steel manhole steps*.
- BS 1247-2:1990, *Specification for plastics encapsulated manhole steps*.
- BS 1247-3:1991, *Specification for aluminium manhole steps*.

and based on this transition period of twenty-one months, BS 1247-1:1990, BS 1247-2:1990 and BS 1247-3:1991 would be withdrawn in June 2004.

NOTE This date is approximate. Users of this standard should contact BSI Customer Services for confirmation of withdrawal.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee B/505, Wastewater engineering, which has the responsibility to:

- aid enquirers to understand the text;
- present to the responsible international/European committee any enquiries on the interpretation, or proposals for change, and keep the UK interests informed;
- monitor related international and European developments and promulgate them in the UK.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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