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Foreword

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This British Standard supersedes BS 3632:2005, which will be withdrawn on 30 November 2016.

Information about this document

When this British Standard was first published in 1963, the title *Specification for permanent residential caravans* was adopted to reflect the design and use of this type of caravan, the term by which it was then commonly known. Since then, the permanent residential caravan has undergone considerable development in terms of size, services, equipment and material.

When issued in 1981, this British Standard was titled *Specification for mobile homes*, "mobile home" being the term used in the United Kingdom following the Mobile Homes Act 1975 [1]. In 1981, the term "park home" was adopted by the caravan industry and was introduced into the 1981 revision of this standard. The term "residential park home" was adopted when this standard was revised in 1995.

The 2005 revision of this standard was developed to include criteria appropriate to more conventional forms of housing, and was aimed at ensuring the suitability of a residential park home as a permanent dwelling.

This revision of the standard continues that approach and reflects the advances in material technologies and building techniques that have taken place since the 2005 revision. This revision also includes a significant increase in the requirements to incorporate energy efficiency measures that were unavailable or unsuitable for inclusion in the 2005 edition. These measures help to reduce the environmental footprint of residential park homes in the built environment.

Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "shall".

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*, subclause J.1.1, which states, "Requirements should be expressed using wording such as: 'When tested as described in Annex A, the product shall ...'". This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

Contractual and legal considerations

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.

Particular attention is drawn to the following specific regulations:

- The Furniture and Furnishing (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988, as amended [2]
- The Gas Safety (Installation and use) Regulations 1998 [3]
- The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, as amended [4]
- The Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014 [5]
- The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 [6]
- Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, as amended [7]
- Caravan Sites Act 1968, as amended [8]
- The General Product Safety Regulations 2005 [9]
- Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 [10]

1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the manufacture of an ex-works residential park home for use as a permanent place of residence. It also specifies the tests and acceptance criteria to ensure compliance with the requirements of this British Standard.

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.

BS 476-3:2004, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 3: Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

BS 476-7:1997, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 7: Method for classification of the surface spread of flame of products*

BS 715, *Specification for metal flue boxes for gas-fired appliances not exceeding 20 kW*

BS 1188, *Specification for ceramic wash basins and pedestals*

BS 5410-1, *Code of practice for oil firing – Part 1: Installations up to 45 kW output capacity for space heating and hot water supply purposes*

BS 5440-1, *Flueing and ventilation for gas appliances of rated input not exceeding 70 kW net (1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases) – Part 1: Specification for installation of gas appliances to chimneys and for maintenance of chimneys*

BS 5608, *Specification for preformed rigid polyurethane (PUR) and polyisocyanurate (PIR) foams for thermal insulation of pipework and equipment*

BS 6206, *Specification for impact performance requirements for flat safety glass and safety plastics for use in buildings*

BS 6262-4, *Glazing for buildings – Part 4: Code of practice for safety related to human impact*

BS 6762-2, *Services for leisure accommodation vehicles and transportable accommodation units – Part 2: Code of practice for the installation of solid fuel fired heating in park homes and transportable accommodation units*

BS 6891, *Installation of low pressure gas pipework of up to 35 mm (R1¹/₄) in domestic premises (2nd family gas) – Specification*

BS 7671, *Requirements for electrical installations – IET Wiring Regulations*

BS 8417, *Preservation of wood – Code of practice*

BS EN 30-1-1, *Domestic cooking appliances burning gas – Part 1-1: Safety – General*

BS EN 33, *Pedestal WC pans with close-coupled flushing cistern – Connecting dimensions*

BS EN 806-1, *Specification for installations inside buildings conveying water for human consumption – Part 1: General*

BS EN 806-2, *Specification for installations inside buildings conveying water for human consumption – Part 2: Design*

BS EN 806-3, *Specifications for installations inside buildings conveying water for human consumption – Part 3: Pipe sizing – Simplified method*