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EN 15004-1:2008 (E)**Foreword**

This document (EN 15004-1:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 "Fixed firefighting systems", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2008.

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The text of the International Standard ISO 14520-1:2006 from Technical Committee ISO/TC 21 "Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has been taken over as a European Standard by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 "Fixed firefighting systems", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, with common modifications which are indicated by a straight line in the margin of the text. Where the text in ISO 14520-1 gives the reference to "ISO 14520-1" or "this part of ISO 14520" this document refers only to "this document" and is not marked by a straight line.

This European Standard will consist of the following parts, under the general title "*Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems*": <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/ddd3cfd-ef36-4649-a875-842f91d35137/sist-en-15004-1-2008>

- *Part 1: Design, installation and maintenance (ISO 14520-1, modified)*
- *Part 2: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12 extinguishant (ISO 14520-5, modified)*
- *Part 3: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HCFC Blend A extinguishant (ISO 14520-6, modified)*
- *Part 4: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant (ISO 14520-8, modified)*
- *Part 5: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant (ISO 14520-9, modified)*
- *Part 6: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant (ISO 14520-10, modified)*
- *Part 7: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant (ISO 14520-12, modified)*
- *Part 8: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-100 extinguishant (ISO 14520-13, modified)*
- *Part 9: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant (ISO 14520-14, modified)*

- *Part 10: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant (ISO 14520-15, modified)*

ISO 14520-1:2006 has the following foreword:

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International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 14520-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 21, Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting, Subcommittee SC 8, *Gaseous media and firefighting systems using gas*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14620-1:2000), which has been technically revised.

Annex C has been extensively revised to include polymeric sheet fuel array fire tests [polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)], [polypropylene (PP)] and [acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS)]. These tests are designed to more closely represent plastic fuel hazards such as may be encountered in information technology, telecommunications and process control facilities.

Annex E has been re-structured to accommodate lighter-than-air gases and to provide means for dealing with non-standard (as opposed to geometrically regular) hazard enclosures.

Also incorporated in this revision of ISO 14520-1 are safe personnel exposure guidelines, Annex G, recognizing physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modelling and hypoxic guidelines to define safe human exposure limits.

ISO 14520 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Gaseous media fire extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: CF₃I extinguishant*
- *Part 5: FK-5-1-12 extinguishant*
- *Part 6: HCFC Blend A extinguishant*
- *Part 8: HFC 125 extinguishant*
- *Part 9: HFC 227ea extinguishant*
- *Part 10: HFC 23 extinguishant*

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- *Part 11: HFC 236fa extinguishant*
- *Part 12 IG-01 extinguishant*
- *Part 13: IG-100 extinguishant*
- *Part 14: IG-55 extinguishant*
- *Part 15: IG-541 extinguishant*

Parts 3, 4 and 7, which dealt with FC-2-1-8, FC-3-1-10 and HCFC 124 extinguishants, respectively, have been withdrawn, as these types are no longer manufactured.

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Introduction

Fire fighting systems covered in this document are designed to provide a supply of gaseous extinguishing medium for the extinction of fire.

Several different methods of supplying extinguishant to, and applying it at, the required point of discharge for fire extinction have been developed in recent years, and there is a need for dissemination of information on established systems and methods. This document has been prepared to meet this need.

In particular, new requirements to eliminate the need to release extinguishants during testing and commissioning procedures are included. These are linked to the inclusion of enclosure integrity testing.

The requirements of this document are made in the light of the best technical data known to the working group at the time of writing but, since a wide field is covered, it has been impracticable to consider every possible factor or circumstance that might affect implementation of the recommendations.

It has been assumed in the preparation of this document that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to people appropriately qualified and experienced in the specification, design, installation, testing, approval, inspection, operation and maintenance of systems and equipment, for whose guidance it has been prepared, and who can be expected to exercise a duty of care to avoid unnecessary release of extinguishant.

Attention is drawn to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer.

It is important that the fire protection of a building or plant be considered as a whole. Gaseous extinguishant systems form only a part, though an important part, of the available facilities, but it should not be assumed that their adoption necessarily removes the need to consider supplementary measures, such as the provision of portable fire extinguishers or other mobile appliances for first aid or emergency use, or to deal with special hazards.

Gaseous extinguishants have for many years been a recognized effective medium for the extinction of inflammable liquid fires and fires in the presence of electrical and ordinary Class A hazards, but it should not be forgotten, in the planning of comprehensive schemes, that there may be hazards for which these media are not suitable, or that in certain circumstances or situations there may be dangers in their use requiring special precautions.

Advice on these matters can be obtained from the appropriate manufacturer of the extinguishant or the extinguishing system. Information may also be sought from the appropriate fire authority, the health and safety authorities and insurers. In addition, reference should be made as necessary to other national standards and statutory regulations of the particular country.

It is essential that fire fighting equipment be carefully maintained to ensure instant readiness when required. Routine maintenance is liable to be overlooked or given insufficient attention by the owner of the system. It is, however, neglected at peril to the lives of occupants of the premises and at the risk of crippling financial loss. The importance of maintenance cannot be too highly emphasized. Installation and maintenance should only be done by qualified personnel.

Inspection preferably by a third party should include an evaluation that the extinguishing system continues to provide adequate protection for the risk (protected zones as well as state of the art can change over time).

The test protocol contained in Annex C of this document was developed by a special working group of ISO/TC 21/SC 8. Annex C deals with the tests for determination of the extinguishing concentrations and system performance and they are designed in such a way to allow individual installers to use his/her system

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and carry out all of the extinguishing tests. The need for the tests presented in Annex C was established by the fact that the previously used Class A fire test involved wood crib, heptane pan and heptane can test fires in an enclosure of minimum 100 m³, and did not necessarily indicate extinguishing concentrations suitable for the protection of plastic fuel hazards such as may be encountered in information technology, telecommunications and process control facilities.

As a consequence of the above, the current Annex C of this document has been revised as described in the Foreword.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the design, installation, testing, maintenance and safety of gaseous fire fighting systems in buildings, plants or other structures, and the characteristics of the various extinguishants and types of fire for which they are a suitable extinguishing medium.

It covers total flooding systems primarily related to buildings, plants and other specific applications, utilizing electrically non-conducting gaseous fire extinguishants that do not leave a residue after discharge and for which there are sufficient data currently available to enable validation of performance and safety characteristics by an appropriate independent authority. This document is not applicable to explosion suppression.

This document is not intended to indicate approval of the extinguishants listed therein by the appropriate authorities, as other extinguishants may be equally acceptable. CO₂ is not included as it is covered by other International Standards.

This document is applicable to the extinguishants listed in Table 1. It is intended to be used in conjunction with the separate parts of EN 15004 for specific extinguishants, as cited in Table 1.

Table 1 —Listed extinguishants

Extinguishant	Chemical	Formula	CAS No.	EN
FK-5-1-12	Dodecafluoro-2-methylpentan-3-one	CF ₃ CF ₂ C(O)CF(CF ₃) ₂	756-13-8	15004-2
HCFC Blend A				15004-3
HCFC-123	Dichlorotrifluoroethane	CHCl ₂ CF ₃	306-83-2	
HCFC-22	Chlorodifluoromethane	CHClF ₂	75-45-6	
HCFC-124	Chlorotetrafluoroethane	CHClF ₂ CF ₃	2837-89-0	
	Isopropenyl-1-methylcyclohexene	C ₁₀ H ₁₆	5989-27-5	
HFC 125	Pentafluoroethane	CHF ₂ CF ₃	354-33-6	15004-4
HFC 227ea	Heptafluoropropane	CF ₃ CH ₂ CF ₃	2252-84-8	15004-5
HFC 23	Trifluoromethane	CHF ₃	75-46-7	15004-6
IG-01	Argon	Ar	74040-37-1	15004-7
IG-100	Nitrogen	N ₂	7727-37-9	15004-8
IG-55	Nitrogen (50 %) Argon (50 %)	N ₂ Ar	7727-37-9 74040-37-1	15004-9
IG-541	Nitrogen (52 %) Argon (40 %) Carbon dioxide (8 %)	N ₂ Ar CO ₂	7727-37-9 74040-37-1 124-38-9	15004-10

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 2, *Classification of fires*

EN 54 (all parts), *Fire detection and fire alarm systems*

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EN 12094-1, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 1: Requirements and test methods for electrical automatic control and delay devices*

EN 12094-2, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 2: Requirements and test methods for non-electrical automatic control and delay devices*

EN 12094-3, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 3: Requirements and test methods for manual triggering and stop devices*

EN 12094-4, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 4: Requirements and test methods for container valve assemblies and their actuators*

EN 12094-5, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 5: Requirements and test methods for high and low pressure selector valves and their actuators*

EN 12094-6, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 6: Requirements and test methods for non-electrical disable devices*

EN 12094-7, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 7: Requirements and test methods for nozzles for CO₂ systems*

EN 12094-8, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 8: Requirements and test methods for connectors*

EN 12094-10, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 10: Requirements and test methods for pressure gauges and pressure switches*

EN 12094-11, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 11: Requirements and test methods for mechanical weighing devices*

EN 12094-13, *Fixed firefighting systems – Components for gas extinguishing systems – Part 13: Requirements and test methods for check valves and non-return valves*

EN 15004-2:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 2: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12, extinguishant (ISO 14520-5, modified)*

EN 15004-3:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 3: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HCFC Blend A extinguishant (ISO 14250-6, modified)*

EN 15004-4:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 4: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant (ISO 14520-8, modified)*

EN 15004-5:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 5: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant (ISO 14520-9, modified)*

EN 15004-6:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 6: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant (ISO 14520-10, modified)*

EN 15004-7:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 7: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant (ISO 14520-12, modified)*

EN 15004-8:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 8: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-100 extinguishant (ISO 14520-13, modified)*

EN 15004-9:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 9: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant (ISO 14520-14, modified)*

EN 15004-10:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems – Gas extinguishing systems – Part 10: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant (ISO 14520-15, modified)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE For the purposes of this document, the term “bar” is taken as “gauge”, unless otherwise indicated. Concentrations or quantities expressed in percentages (%) are taken as by volume, unless otherwise indicated.

3.1

approved

acceptable to a relevant authority (see 3.2)

NOTE In determining the acceptability of installations or procedures, equipment or materials, the authority may base acceptance on compliance with the appropriate standards.

3.2

authority

organization, office or individual responsible for approving equipment, installations or procedures

3.3

automatic/manual switch

means of converting the system from automatic to manual actuation

NOTE This may be in the form of a manual switch on the control panel or other units, or a personnel door interlock. In all cases, this changes the actuation mode of the system from automatic and manual to manual only or vice versa.

3.4

competent person

designated person, suitably trained, qualified by knowledge and practical experience and with the necessary instructions to enable the required tests and examinations to be carried out

3.5

extinguishant

electrically non-conducting gaseous fire extinguishant that, upon evaporation, does not leave a residue (see Table 1)

3.6

clearance

air gap between equipment, including piping and nozzles and unenclosed or uninsulated live electrical components at other than ground potential

3.7 Concentration

3.7.1

design concentration

concentration of extinguishant, including a safety factor, required for system design purposes

3.7.2

maximum concentration

concentration achieved from the actual extinguishant quantity at the maximum ambient temperature in the protected area

3.7.3

extinguishing concentration

minimum concentration of extinguishant required to extinguish a fire involving a particular fuel under defined experimental conditions excluding any safety factor