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ISO 6142 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures*:

— *Part 1: Gravimetric method for Class I mixtures*

A future part dealing with gravimetric method for Class II mixtures.

**ISO 6142-1:2015(E)****Introduction**

The revision of ISO 6142 was initiated to provide better guidance to the users of this International Standard especially with respect to quality assurance measures and laboratory accreditation. In preparing the revision, it was decided to make accommodation for two types of calibration gas mixtures with different levels of quality assurance and with different levels of measurement uncertainty. The difference in the two classes can be summarized as follows:

Class I type calibration gas mixtures are prepared in accordance with this part of ISO 6142. The mixtures are individually verified. Provided rigorous and comprehensive quality assurance and quality control procedures are adopted during the preparation and verification of these mixtures, uncertainties may be achieved that are substantially smaller than by any other preparation method.

Class II type calibration gas mixtures are prepared in a similar manner to Class I calibration gas mixtures but these mixtures are not individually verified. Verification of Class II calibration gas mixtures can be based on random verification checks. These checks are monitored by means of statistical quality control to be described in a future part. For mixtures containing identical compounds and nominally identical amount-of-substance fractions, Class II type calibration gas mixtures will always have amount-of-substance fractions with larger uncertainties than their Class I counterparts.

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# Gas analysis — Preparation of calibration gas mixtures —

## Part 1: Gravimetric method for Class I mixtures

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 6142 specifies a gravimetric method for the preparation of calibration gas mixtures in cylinders with traceable values for the amount-of-substance fraction (amount fraction) of one or more components. This part of ISO 6142 describes a method for calculating the uncertainty associated with the amount fraction of each component. This uncertainty calculation requires the evaluation of the contributions to the uncertainty due to factors including the weighing process, the purity of the components, the stability of the mixture, and the verification of the final mixture.

This part of ISO 6142 is only applicable to mixtures of gaseous or totally vaporized components, which may be introduced into the cylinder in the gaseous or liquid state. Both binary and multi-component gas mixtures (including natural-gas type mixtures) are covered by this part of ISO 6142. Methods for the batch production of more than one mixture in a single process are not included in this part of ISO 6142.

This part of ISO 6142 requires estimation of the stability of the mixture for its intended life time (maximum storage life), but it is not for use with components that react with each other unintentionally. This part of ISO 6142 also requires the impurities in each parent gas or liquid used in the preparation of the mixture to be assessed and quantified.

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ISO 6141, *Gas analysis — Contents of certificates for calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6143, *Gas analysis — Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 7504, *Gas analysis — Vocabulary*

ISO 14912, *Gas analysis — Conversion of gas mixture composition data*

ISO 16664, *Gas analysis — Handling of calibration gases and gas mixtures — Guidelines*

ISO 19229, *Gas analysis — Purity analysis and the treatment of purity data*

ISO/TS 29041, *Gas mixtures — Gravimetric preparation — Mastering correlations in composition*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IUPAC, Commission on atomic weights and isotopic abundances: Atomic weights of the elements

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7504 and ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 apply.

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## 4 Symbols

$A_z$	atomic weight of element $z$
$b_i$	estimated amount fraction drift rate of component $i$
$k$	coverage factor
$L_{ij}$	limit of detection of impurity $i$ in parent gas or liquid $j$
$M_i$	molar mass of component $i$
$M_j$	molar mass of parent gas or liquid $j$
$M_k$	molar mass of component $k$
$M_\Omega$	molar mass of the final mixture
$m_j$	mass added of parent gas or liquid $j$
$m_\Omega$	mass of the final mixture
$q$	number of components in the mixture
$r$	number of parent gases or liquids
$p_F$	filling pressure
$p_{F,\Omega}$	filling pressure of the final mixture
$p_i(T_L)$	saturated vapour pressure of component $i$ at temperature $T_L$
$R$	ideal gas constant
$T_F$	filling temperature
$T_L$	lowest temperature to which the gas mixture will be exposed
$t_d$	decay time
$t_s$	shelf life of the mixture
$u(\dots)$	standard uncertainty (of the quantity in parentheses)
$U(\dots)$	expanded uncertainty (of the quantity in parentheses)
$V_{cyl}$	volume of the cylinder
$\nu_{zi}$	stoichiometric coefficient for element $z$
$w_i$	mass fractions $w_i$ of the components $i$ in the final mixture
$w_{i,j}$	mass fraction of component $i$ in parent gas or liquid $j$
$x_c$	amount-of-substance fraction of the "pure" component in the material being analysed
$x_i$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $i$
$x_{i,j}$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $i$ in parent gas or liquid $j$
$x_{k,j}$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $k$ in parent gas or liquid $j$
$y_k^0$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $k$ at time $t = 0$

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$y_k^t$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $k$ at time $t$
$y_i$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $i$ in the prepared mixture
$y_k$	amount-of-substance fraction of component $k$ in the prepared mixture
$y_{k,ver}$	analysed amount-of-substance fraction
$Z_\Omega$	compressibility of the final mixture
$\Omega$	final mixture

## 5 Principle

Calibration gas mixtures are prepared by transferring pure gases, pure liquids, or gravimetrically prepared mixtures of known composition quantitatively into a cylinder in which the calibration gas will be contained. The traceability to the SI of amount fractions of these mixtures arises from the correct execution of three steps:

- the determination of the masses added;
- the conversion of the added masses to amounts of substance, by knowledge of their chemical purity and appropriate relative atomic and/or molecular masses;
- the verification of the final mixture against independent reference gas mixtures.

For Class II type calibration gas mixtures, the individual verification of the final mixture against independent reference gas mixtures is not required. The verification of Class II type calibration gas mixtures is described in a future part.

The mass of each component is determined by weighing either the supply cylinder, or the cylinder in which the calibration gas mixture will be contained, before and after each addition. The difference in these two weighings corresponds to the mass of the component added. The choice between these two weighing procedures depends on the uncertainty required for the amount fraction of the final mixture. [Annex A](#) provides more guidance on precautions to be taken when weighing, handling, and filling cylinders.

**NOTE** In the case of an addition of a small mass of a specified component, a highly sensitive balance is needed. If such a balance has insufficient capacity to weigh the final mixture, a small added mass can best be determined by weighing a low-volume supply cylinder before and after addition of the component to the main cylinder.

A single-step preparation method may be used when the mass of each component added is large enough to be measured accurately. Alternatively, a multiple-step dilution method may be used to obtain a final mixture with acceptable uncertainty, particularly when low amount fractions are required. In this method, “pre-mixtures” are prepared gravimetrically and used as parent gases in one or more of the steps.

An example of the steps used to prepare a calibration gas mixture is given in [Annex B](#).

The determination of the purity of each material (liquid or gas) used in the preparation of the mixture is described in [Clause 7](#). [Clause 8](#) describes the determination of masses and the calculation of preparation uncertainty. The homogeneity and stability of the gas mixture are dealt with in [Clause 9](#). The verification of the amount fraction of the components in the final mixture against independent standards is described in [Clause 10](#). The calculation of the uncertainty of the calibration gas mixture is given in [Clause 11](#).

The gravimetric method scheme for preparing calibration gas mixtures, based on requirements for composition and the level of uncertainty, is given as a flowchart in [Figure 1](#). The individual steps are explained in more detail in the following clauses (reference is given to the subclause for each step in [Figure 1](#)).