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Foreword

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ISO 16890 (all parts) replaces ISO/TS 21220:2009.

ISO 16890 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Air filters for general ventilation*:

- *Part 1: Technical specifications, requirements and efficiency classification system based upon Particulate Matter (PM)*
- *Part 2: Measurement of fractional efficiency and air flow resistance*
- *Part 3: Determination of the arrestance and the air flow resistance versus the mass of test dust captured*
- *Part 4: Conditioning method to determine the minimum fractional test efficiency*

Introduction

The effects of particulate matter (PM) on human health have been extensively studied in the past decades. The results are that fine dust can be a serious health hazard, contributing to or even causing respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Different classes of particulate matter can be defined according to the particle size range. The most important ones are PM₁₀, PM_{2,5} and PM₁. The US. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the World Health Organization (WHO) or the European Union define PM₁₀ as particulate matter which passes through a size-selective inlet with a 50 % efficiency cut-off at 10 µm aerodynamic diameter. PM_{2,5} and PM₁ are similarly defined. However, this definition is not precise as long as there are no further definition of the sampling method and the sampling inlet with a clearly defined separation curve. In Europe, the reference method for the sampling and measurement of PM₁₀ is that described in EN 12341 "Air Quality — Field Test Procedure to Demonstrate Reference Equivalence of Sampling Methods for the PM₁₀ fraction of particulate matter". The measurement principle is based on the collection on a filter of the PM₁₀ fraction of ambient particulate matter and the gravimetric mass determination (see EU Council Directive 1999/30/EC of 22 April 1999).

As the precise definition of PM₁₀, PM_{2,5} and PM₁ is quite complex and not simple to measure, public authorities, like e.g. the US EPA or the German Federal Environmental Agency (Umweltbundesamt), increasingly use in their publications the more simple denotation of PM₁₀ as being the particle size fraction less or equal to 10 µm. Since this deviation to the above mentioned complex "official" definition does not have a significant impact on a filter elements particle removal efficiency as reported by ISO 16890, this simplified definition of PM₁₀, PM_{2,5} and PM₁ will be utilized within ISO 16890 documents.

Particulate Matter in the context of this standard describes a size fraction of the natural aerosol (liquid and solid particles) suspended in ambient air, with the symbol PM_x where x defines the size range of the aerodynamic diameter ≤ x µm. The following particle size fractions are used in this standard:

Fraction	Size range
PM ₁₀	≤ 10 µm
PM _{2,5}	≤ 2,5 µm
PM ₁	≤ 1 µm

Air filters used for general ventilation are widely used in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning applications of buildings. In this application they significantly influence the indoor air quality, and hence, the health of people, by reducing the concentration of particulate matter. To enable design engineers and maintenance personnel to choose the correct filter types, there is an interest from international trade and manufacturing for a well-defined, common method of testing and classifying air filters properly according to their particle efficiencies, especially with respect to the removal of particulate matter. Current regional standards are applying totally different testing and classification methods, which do not allow any comparison to each other, and hence, hinder global trade with common products. Additionally, the current standards have known limitations and generate results which are sometimes far away from filter performance in service. With this new international standard, a completely new approach for a classification system is adopted, which gives better and more meaningful results compared to the existing standards. Additionally, this new approach shall overcome major concerns related to the former approach of ISO/TS 21220.

ISO 16890 (all parts) describes the equipment, materials, technical specifications, requirements, qualifications, and procedures to produce the laboratory performance data and efficiency classification based upon the measured fractional efficiency converted into a Particulate Matter (PM) reporting system.

Air filter elements according to this series of standards are evaluated in the laboratory by their ability to remove aerosol particulate to PM₁, PM_{2,5} and PM₁₀ aerosol fractions and then the air filter elements can be classified per the procedures defined in part 1. The particulate removal efficiency of the filter element is measured as a function of the particle size in the range of 0,3 to 10 µm of the unloaded and unconditioned filter element per the procedures defined in part 2. The air filter element is then conditioned per the procedures defined in part 4 and the particulate removal efficiency is repeated on

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the conditioned filter element. This is done to provide information about the intensity of any electrostatic removal mechanism which may or may not be present with the filter element for test. The results from this second particle collection efficiency step are used to shift the fractional efficiency curve of the filter element to be used to calculate the average efficiency in each of the PM₁, PM_{2,5} and PM₁₀ ranges by weighting the fractional efficiency values according to the standardized and normalized particle size distribution of the related fraction of the ambient aerosol.

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Part 1:

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 16890 establishes an efficiency classification system of air filters for general ventilation based upon Particulate Matter (PM). It also provides an overview of the test procedures, and specifies general requirements for assessing and marking the filters, as well as for documenting the test results. It is intended for use in conjunction with ISO 16890-2, ISO 16890-3 and ISO 16890-4.

The test method described in this standard is applicable for air flow rates between 0,25 m³/s (900 m³/h, 530 ft³/min) and 1,5 m³/s (5 400 m³/h, 3 178 ft³/min), referring to a test rig with a nominal face area of 610 mm × 610 mm (24 inch × 24 inch).

ISO 16890 (all parts) refers to particulate air filter elements for general ventilation having an initial efficiency less than or equal to 99 % with respect to PM₁ aerosol fraction and greater than 20 % with respect to PM₁₀ aerosol fraction when tested per the procedures defined within parts 1-4 of ISO 16890.

Air filter elements outside of this aerosol fraction are evaluated by other applicable test methods, (see ISO 29463, part 1-5).

Filter elements used in portable room-air cleaners are excluded from the scope of this standard.

The performance results obtained in accordance with this series of standards shall not by themselves be quantitatively applied to predict performance in service with regard to efficiency and lifetime. Other factors influencing performance to be taken into account are described in [Annex A](#) (informative).

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.

ISO 16890-2, *Air filter for general ventilation – Part 2: Measurement of fractional efficiency and air flow resistance*

ISO 16890-3, *Air filter for general ventilation – Part 3: Determination of the arrestance and the air flow resistance versus the mass of test dust captured*

ISO 16890-4, *Air filter for general ventilation – Part 4: Conditioning method to determine the minimum fractional test efficiency*

ISO 15957, *Air filter for general ventilation — Challenge contaminants for testing air cleaning equipment*

ISO 29463, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air*

ISO 29464:2011, *Cleaning equipment for air and other gases — Terminology*

EN 12341:1999, *Air quality. Determination of the PM₁₀ fraction of suspended particulate matter. Reference method and field test procedure to demonstrate reference equivalence of measurement methods*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 29464 and the following apply:

3.1 Arrestance and efficiency

3.1.1

gravimetric arrestance

measure of the ability of a filter to remove a standard test dust from the air passing through it, under given operating conditions

Note 1 to entry: This measure is expressed as a weight percentage

3.1.2

initial gravimetric arrestance

value of arrestance determined after the first loading cycle in a filter test

Note 1 to entry: This measure is expressed as a weight percentage

3.1.3

average gravimetric arrestance

ratio of the total amount of loading dust retained by the filter to the total amount of dust fed up to final test pressure differential

3.1.4

efficiency

fraction or percentage of a challenge contaminant that is removed by a filter

3.1.5

fractional efficiency

ability of an air cleaning device to remove particles of a specific size or size range

Note 1 to entry: The efficiency plotted as a function of particle size gives the particle size efficiency spectrum

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.1.61]

3.2

filter element

structure made of the filtering material, its supports and its interfaces with the filter housing

3.3 Air flow rates

3.3.1

air flow rate

q_v

volume of air passing through the filter per unit time

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.2.38]

3.3.2

nominal air flow rate

$q_{v,nom}$

air flow rate specified by the manufacturer

3.3.3

test air flow rate

q_{vt}

air flow rate used for testing

3.4 Particulate matter

3.4.1

particulate matter

PM

solid or liquid particles suspended in ambient air

3.4.2

particulate matter smaller 10 μm

PM₁₀

size fraction of particulate matter having an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometres

3.4.3

particulate matter smaller 2,5 μm

PM_{2,5}

size fraction of particulate matter having an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2,5 micrometres

3.4.5

particulate matter smaller 1 μm

PM₁

size fraction of particulate matter having an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 1 micrometres

3.4.6

PM-efficiencies

efficiencies of an air filter to reduce the mass concentration of the three PM dust fractions. PM₁₀-efficiency is the efficiency to the PM₁₀ fraction, PM_{2,5}-efficiency to the PM_{2,5} fraction and PM₁-efficiency to the PM₁ fraction. PM-efficiency is calculated as the ratio of the difference of the PM mass concentration upstream and downstream of the filter to the upstream concentration

3.5

particle counter

device for detecting and counting numbers of discrete airborne particles present in a sample of air

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.1.27]

3.6 Particle size and diameter

3.6.1

particle size

particle diameter

geometric diameter (equivalent spherical, optical or aerodynamic, depending on context) of the particles of an aerosol

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.1.126]

3.6.2

particle size distribution

presentation, in the form of tables of numbers or of graphs, of the experimental results obtained using a method or an apparatus capable of measuring the equivalent diameter of particles in a sample or capable of giving the proportion of particles for which the equivalent diameter lies between defined limits

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.1.128]

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3.7 pressure differential resistance to air flow

difference in pressure between two points in an airflow system at specified conditions, especially when measured across the filter element

3.8 test dust capacity TDC

amount of loading dust held by the filter at final test pressure differential

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2011; 3.1.52]

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the application of this Standard, the following symbols and abbreviated terms apply:

A_i	Initial gravimetric arrestance
d_i	Lower limit particle diameter in a size range i , μm
d_{i+1}	Upper limit particle diameter in a size range i , μm
\bar{d}_i	Geometric mean diameter of a size range i , μm
Δd_i	Width of a particle diameter size range i , μm
$\Delta \ln d_i$	Logarithmic width of a particle diameter size range i ; \ln is the natural logarithm to the base of e , where e is an irrational and transcendental constant approximately equal to 2,718 281 828 $\Delta \ln d_i = \ln d_{i+1} - \ln d_i = \ln(d_{i+1}/d_i)$, dimensionless
d_{50}	median particle size of the log-normal distribution, μm
E_i	Initial fractional efficiency of particle size range i of the untreated and unloaded filter element, %
$E_{D,i}$	Fractional efficiency of particle size range i of the filter element after an artificial conditioning step, %
$E_{A,i}$	Average fractional efficiency of particle size range i , %
$E_{\min}(\text{PM}_x)$	Minimum average PM_x -efficiency with $x = 1 \mu\text{m}, 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ or $10 \mu\text{m}$ of the conditioned filter element, %
$E(\text{PM}_x)$	PM_x -efficiency with $x = 1 \mu\text{m}, 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ or $10 \mu\text{m}$, %
$q_3(d)$	Discrete particle volume distribution, dimensionless
$Q_3(d)$	Cumulative particle volume distribution, dimensionless
σ_g	Standard deviation of the log-normal distribution
y	Mixing ratio of the bimodal particle size distribution