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**Respiratory protective devices —  
Methods of test and test equipment —  
Part 3:  
Determination of particle filter  
penetration**

*Appareils de protection respiratoire — Méthodes d'essai et  
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ISO 16900 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment*:

- Part 1: Determination of inward leakage
- Part 2: Determination of breathing resistance
- Part 3: Determination of particle filter penetration
- Part 4: Determination of gas filter capacity and migration, desorption and carbon monoxide dynamic testing
- Part 11: Determination of field of vision

The following parts are under preparation:

- Part 5: Breathing machine/metabolic simulator/RPD headforms/torso, tools and transfer standards
- Part 8: Measurement of RPD air flow rates
- Part 10: Resistance to ignition, flame, radiant heat and heat
- Part 12: Determination of volume averaged work of breathing and peak respiratory pressures

## Introduction

This part of ISO 16900 is intended as a supplement to the respiratory protective devices (RPD) performance standard ISO 17420 (all parts). Test methods are specified for complete devices or parts of devices that are intended to comply with ISO 17420. If deviations from the test method given in this part of ISO 16900 are necessary, these deviations will be specified in ISO 17420.

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