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**Part 7:**  
**Point-type smoke detectors using**  
**scattered light, transmitted light or**  
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## 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.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

ISO 7240-7 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 21, *Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Fire detection and alarm systems*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7240-7:2003), which has been technically revised.

ISO 7240 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Fire detection and alarm systems*:

- *Part 1: General and definitions*
- *Part 2: Control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 3: Audible alarm devices*
- *Part 4: Power supply equipment*
- *Part 5: Point-type heat detectors*
- *Part 6: Carbon monoxide fire detectors using electro-chemical cells*
- *Part 7: Point-type smoke detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization*
- *Part 8: Carbon monoxide fire detectors using an electro-chemical cell in combination with a heat sensor*
- *Part 9: Test fires for fire detectors* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 10: Point-type flame detectors*
- *Part 11: Manual call points*
- *Part 12: Line type smoke detectors using a transmitted optical beam*
- *Part 13: Compatibility assessment of system components*

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- *Part 14: Guidelines for drafting codes of practice for design, installation and use of fire detection and fire alarm systems in and around buildings [Technical Report]*
- *Part 15: Point type fire detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization sensors in combination with a heat sensor*
- *Part 16: Sound system control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 17: Short-circuit isolators*
- *Part 18: Input/output devices*
- *Part 19: Design, installation, commissioning and service of sound systems for emergency purposes*
- *Part 20: Aspirating smoke detectors*
- *Part 21: Routing equipment*
- *Part 22: Smoke-detection equipment for ducts*
- *Part 24: Sound-system loudspeakers*
- *Part 25: Components using radio transmission paths*
- *Part 27: Point-type fire detectors using a scattered-light, transmitted-light or ionization smoke sensor, an electrochemical-cell carbon-monoxide sensor and a heat sensor*
- *Part 28: Fire protection control equipment*

A part 23 dealing with visual alarm devices and a part 29 dealing with video fire detectors are under development.

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## Introduction

This part of ISO 7240, drawn up by ISO/TC 21/SC 3, is based on a draft prepared by the European Committee for Standardization's CEN/TC 72, *Automatic fire detection systems*.

A fire detection and alarm system is required to function satisfactorily not only in the event of fire, but also during and after exposure to conditions it is likely to meet in practice, including corrosion, vibration, direct impact, indirect shock and electromagnetic interference. Specific tests are intended to assess the performance of the smoke detectors under such conditions.

This part of ISO 7240 is not intended to place any other restrictions on the design and construction of such detectors.

This edition of ISO 7240-7 introduces a requirement that smoke detectors that operate on the scattered or transmitted light principle be marked with one of two possible nominal response threshold value bands. This marking provides for a clearer choice of response values so that the risk of unwanted alarms can be decreased in installations where unfavourable environmental conditions are present.

NOTE For some test fires, smoke detectors that operate on the scattered or transmitted light principle and that have been factory set to the upper response threshold value band can fall outside one of the classification limits given in ISO/TS 7240-9.

This edition of ISO 7240-7 introduces additional requirements for smoke detectors with more than one smoke sensor.

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# Fire detection and alarm systems —

## Part 7:

# Point-type smoke detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization

## 1 Scope

This part of ISO 7240 specifies requirements, test methods and performance criteria for point-type smoke detectors that operate using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization, for use in fire detection and alarm systems installed in buildings (see ISO 7240-1). This part of ISO 7240 also covers point smoke detectors that incorporate more than one smoke sensor operating on these principles. Additional requirements and test methods for such detectors are given in Annex N.

For the testing of other types of smoke detectors, or smoke detectors working on different principles, this part of ISO 7240 can be used only for guidance. Smoke detectors with special characteristics, developed for specific risks, are not covered.

NOTE Certain types of detector contain radioactive materials. The national requirements for radiation protection differ from country to country and are not specified in this part of ISO 7240.

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## 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 209, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Chemical composition*

ISO 7240-1, *Fire detection and alarm systems — Part 1: General and definitions*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing — Part 2-1: Tests — Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing — Part 2-2: Tests — Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing — Part 2-42: Tests — Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing — Part 2-78: Tests — Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

EN 50130-4:1995 + A1:1998 + A2:2003, *Alarm systems — Part 4: Electromagnetic compatibility — Product family standard: Immunity requirements for components of fire, intruder and social alarm systems*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7240-1 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **aerosol density**

smoke density

number of particulates per volume as described operationally by one of two parameters:

- $m$  (3.3), an absorbance index, used in the testing of smoke detectors using scattered or transmitted light;
- $y$  (3.5), a dimensionless variable, used in the testing of smoke detectors using ionization

NOTE These parameters are not concentrations *sensu stricto*, but represent values which are proportional to the concentration and have been shown to function in lieu of a true concentration value for the purposes of these tests.

#### 3.2

##### **least sensitive orientation**

point of rotation, relative to air flow, about the vertical axis where a detector produces the maximum response threshold value

#### 3.3

$m$

##### **absorbance index**

measured light attenuation characterizing the concentration of particulates in smoke or an aerosol

NOTE The equation for  $m$  is given in Annex C.

#### 3.4

##### **response threshold value**

$A_{th}$

(smoke detector) aerosol density in the proximity of the specimen at the moment that it generates an alarm signal, when tested as specified in 5.1.5

NOTE The response threshold value can depend on signal processing in the detector and in the control and indicating equipment.

#### 3.5

$y$

dimensionless variable, reflecting the change in the current flowing in an ionization chamber as a known function of the concentration of particulates in the smoke or aerosol

NOTE The equation for  $y$  is given in Annex C.

### 4 General requirements

#### 4.1 Compliance

In order to comply with this part of ISO 7240, the detector shall meet the requirements of this clause, which shall be verified by visual inspection or engineering assessment, shall be tested as specified in Clause 5 (and, for detectors with more than one smoke sensor, Annex N) and shall meet the requirements of the tests.

#### 4.2 Response threshold value of detectors using scattered or transmitted light

Detectors using scattered or transmitted light shall conform to one of the two response threshold value bands specified in Table 1 and the corresponding end-of-test conditions for the test fires specified in 5.18.

Table 1 — Response threshold value for detectors using scattered or transmitted light

Response threshold value in smoke tunnel (aerosol) dB/m		Test fires end-of-test conditions			
		TF2 dB/m	TF3 dB/m	TF4 dimensionless	TF5 dimensionless
1	$0,05 < m < 0,3$	$m = 2$	$m = 2$	$y = 6$	$y = 6$
2	$0,2 < m < 0,6$	$m = 2$	$m = 2$	$y = 6,5$	$y = 7,5$
NOTE The smaller the $m$ value, the higher the sensitivity of the detectors.					

### 4.3 Individual alarm indication

Each detector shall be provided with an integral red visual indicator by which the individual detector releasing an alarm can be identified, until the alarm condition is reset. Where other conditions of the detector may be visually indicated, these shall be clearly distinguishable from the alarm indication, except when the detector is switched into a service mode. For detachable detectors, the indicator may be integral with the base or the detector head.

NOTE The alarm condition is reset manually at the control and indicating equipment (see EN 54-2).

The visual indicator shall be visible from a distance of 6 m in an ambient light intensity up to 500 lx at an angle of up to

- a) 5° from the axis of the detector in any direction,
- b) 45° from the axis of the detector in at least one direction.

### 4.4 Connection of ancillary devices ISO 7240-7:2011

The detector may provide for connections to ancillary devices (remote indicators, control relays, etc.), but open- or short-circuit failures of these connections shall not prevent the correct operation of the detector.

### 4.5 Monitoring of detachable detectors

For detachable detectors, a means shall be provided for a remote monitoring system (e.g. the control and indicating equipment) to detect the removal of the head from the base, in order to give a fault signal.

### 4.6 Manufacturer's adjustments

It shall not be possible to change the manufacturer's settings except by special means (e.g. the use of a special code or tool), or by breaking or removing a seal.

### 4.7 On-site adjustment of response behaviour

If there is provision for on-site adjustment of the response behaviour of the detector, then

- a) for all of the settings at which the manufacturer claims compliance, the detector shall comply with the requirements of this part of ISO 7240 and access to the adjustment means shall be possible only by the use of a code or special tool, or by removing the detector from its base or mounting,
- b) any setting or settings at which the manufacturer does not claim compliance with this part of ISO 7240 shall be accessible only by the use of a code or special tool, and it shall be clearly marked on the detector or in the associated data that if this setting or these settings are used, the detector does not comply with this part of ISO 7240.

These adjustments may be carried out at the detector or at the control and indicating equipment.

#### 4.8 Protection against the ingress of foreign bodies

The detector shall be so designed that a sphere of diameter greater than  $(1,3 \pm 0,05)$  mm cannot pass into the sensor chamber or chambers.

NOTE 1 This requirement is intended to restrict the access of insects into the sensitive parts of the detector. It is known that this requirement is not sufficient to prevent the access of all insects; however, it is considered that extreme restrictions on the size of access holes can introduce the danger of clogging by dust, etc. It can, therefore, be necessary to take other precautions against false alarms due to the entry of small insects.

NOTE 2 For detectors that do not have physical protection against ingress of foreign bodies, the resistance of the detector against the adverse effect of such ingress needs to be proven by the manufacturer.

#### 4.9 Response to slowly developing fires

The provision of "drift compensation" (e.g. to compensate for sensor drift due to the build-up of dirt in the detector) shall not lead to a significant reduction in the sensitivity of the detector to slowly developing fires (see Annex L).

Since it is not practical to make tests with very slow increases in smoke density, an assessment of the response of the detector to slow increases in smoke density shall be made by analysis of the circuit/software, and/or physical tests and simulations.

The detector shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this subclause if this assessment shows the following:

- a) that for any rate of increase in smoke density  $R$ , which is greater than 25 % of the initial uncompensated response threshold value of the detector  $A_{th,u}$  per hour, the time for the detector to give an alarm does not exceed  $1,6 \times (A_{th,u} \cdot R)$  by more than 100 s,
- b) that the total compensation  $C_t$  is limited such that  $C_t < 0,6 A_{th,u}$  throughout this range, and that the fully compensated response threshold value  $A_{th,c}$  does not exceed its initial value  $A_{th,u}$  by a factor greater than 1,6.

#### 4.10 Marking

Each detector shall be clearly marked with the following information:

- a) reference to this part of ISO 7240 (i.e. ISO 7240-7);
- b) name or trademark of the manufacturer or supplier;
- c) model designation (type or number);
- d) for detectors using scattered or transmitted light, the response threshold value band,  
EXAMPLE (0,05 to 0,3) dB/m or (0,2 to 0,6) dB/m.
- e) wiring terminal designations;
- f) some mark(s) or code(s) (e.g. serial number or batch code) by which the manufacturer can identify, at least, the date or batch and place of manufacture, and the version number(s) of any software contained within the detector.

For detachable detectors, the detector head shall be marked with a), b), c) and f), and the base shall be marked with, at least, c) and e).

Where any marking on the device uses symbols or abbreviations not in common use, these should be explained in the data supplied with the device.

The markings shall be visible during installation of the detector and shall be accessible during maintenance.

The markings shall not be placed on screws or other easily removable parts.

## 4.11 Data

Either detector shall be supplied with sufficient technical, installation and maintenance data to enable their correct installation and operation or, if all of these data are not supplied with each detector, reference to the appropriate data sheet shall be given on, or with, each detector.

To enable correct operation of the detectors, these data should describe the requirements for the correct processing of the signals from the detector. This may be in the form of a full technical specification of these signals, a reference to the appropriate signalling protocol or a reference to suitable types of control and indicating equipment, etc.

Installation and maintenance data shall include reference to an *in situ* test method to ensure that detectors operate correctly when installed.

NOTE Additional information can be required by organizations certifying that detectors produced by a manufacturer conform to the requirements of this part of ISO 7240.

## 4.12 Requirements for software-controlled detectors

### 4.12.1 General

The requirements of 4.12.2, 4.12.3 and 4.12.4 shall be met for detectors that rely on software control in order to fulfil the requirements of this part of ISO 7240.

### 4.12.2 Software documentation

**4.12.2.1** The manufacturer shall submit documentation that gives an overview of the software design. This documentation shall be in sufficient detail for inspection of the design for compliance with this part of ISO 7240 and shall include at least the following:

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- a) functional description of the main program flow (e.g. as a flow diagram or structogram), including
    - 1) a brief description of the modules and the functions that they perform,
    - 2) the way in which the modules interact,
    - 3) the overall hierarchy of the program,
    - 4) the way in which the software interacts with the hardware of the detector,
    - 5) the way in which the modules are called, including any interrupt processing;
  - b) description of those areas of memory used for the various purposes (e.g. the program, site-specific data and running data);
  - c) designation by which the software and its version can be uniquely identified.

**4.12.2.2** The manufacturer shall prepare and maintain detailed design documentation. This shall be available for inspection in a manner that respects the manufacturers' rights for confidentiality. It shall be comprised of at least the following:

- a) overview of the whole system configuration, including all software and hardware components;
- b) description of each module of the program, containing at least
  - 1) the name of the module,
  - 2) a description of the tasks performed,
  - 3) a description of the interfaces, including the type of data transfer, the valid data range and the checking for valid data;

- c) full source code listings, as hard copy or in machine-readable form (e.g. ASCII-code), including all global and local variables, constants and labels used, and sufficient comment for recognizing the program flow;
- d) details of any software tools used in the design and implementation phase (CASE-Tools, Compilers, etc.).

NOTE This detailed design documentation can be reviewed at the manufacturers' premises.

#### 4.12.3 Software design

In order to ensure the reliability of the detector, the following requirements for software design apply.

- a) The software shall have a modular structure.
- b) The design of the interfaces for manually and automatically generated data shall not permit invalid data to cause error in the program operation.
- c) The software shall be designed to avoid the occurrence of deadlock of the program flow.

#### 4.12.4 Storage of programs and data

The program necessary to comply with this part of ISO 7240 and any preset data, such as manufacturer's settings, shall be held in non-volatile memory. Writing to areas of memory containing this program and data shall be possible only by the use of some special tool or code and shall not be possible during normal operation of the detector.

Site-specific data shall be held in memory that can retain data for at least two weeks without external power to the detector, unless provision is made for the automatic renewal of such data, following loss of power, within 1 h of power being restored.

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### 5 Tests

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#### 5.1 General

##### 5.1.1 Atmospheric conditions for tests

Unless otherwise stated in a test procedure, carry out the testing after the test specimen has been allowed to stabilize in the standard atmospheric conditions for testing in accordance with IEC 60068-1 as follows:

- temperature: (15 to 35) °C;
- relative humidity: (25 to 75) %;
- air pressure: (86 to 106) kPa.

The temperature and humidity shall be substantially constant for each environmental test where the standard atmospheric conditions are applied.

##### 5.1.2 Operating conditions for tests

If a test method requires a specimen to be operational, then connect the specimen to suitable supply and monitoring equipment having the characteristics required by the manufacturer's data. Unless otherwise specified in the test method, the supply parameters applied to the specimen shall be set within the manufacturer's specified range(s) and shall remain substantially constant throughout the tests. The value chosen for each parameter shall normally be the nominal value, or the mean of the specified range. If a test procedure requires a specimen to be monitored to detect any alarm or fault signals, then connections shall be made to any necessary ancillary devices (e.g. through wiring to an end-of-line device for conventional detectors) to allow a fault signal to be recognized.

The details of the supply and monitoring equipment and the alarm criteria used shall be given in the test report (Clause 6).

### 5.1.3 Mounting arrangements

Mount the specimen by its normal means of attachment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If these instructions describe more than one method of mounting, then choose the method considered to be most unfavourable for each test.

### 5.1.4 Tolerances

Unless otherwise stated, the tolerances for the environmental test parameters shall be as given in the basic reference standards for the test (e.g. the relevant part of IEC 60068).

If a specific tolerance or deviation limit is not specified in a requirement or test procedure, then a tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$  shall be applied.

### 5.1.5 Measurement of response threshold value

Install the specimen for which the response threshold value,  $A_{th}$ , is to be measured in the smoke tunnel, described in Annex A, in its normal operating position, by its normal means of attachment. The orientation of the specimen, relative to the direction of air flow, shall be the least sensitive orientation, as determined in the directional dependence test, unless otherwise specified in the test procedure.

Before commencing each measurement, purge the smoke tunnel to ensure that the tunnel and the specimen are free from the test aerosol.

The air velocity in the proximity of the specimen shall be  $(0,2 \pm 0,04)$  m/s during the measurement, unless otherwise specified in the test procedure. ISO 7240-7:2011

Unless otherwise specified in the test procedure, the air temperature in the tunnel shall be  $(23 \pm 5)$  °C and shall not vary by more than 5 °C for all the measurements on a particular detector type. https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/d6fdb737-23bb-4d19-9d1d-ad1305d51921/iso-7240-7-2011

Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2, and allow it to stabilize for a period of at least 15 min, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

Introduce the test aerosol, as specified in Annex B, into the tunnel such that the rate of increase of aerosol density is as follows:

— for detectors using scattered or transmitted light, in decibels per metre per minute:

$$0,015 \leq \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} \leq 0,1;$$

— for detectors using ionization, per minute:

$$0,05 \leq \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} \leq 0,3 .$$

NOTE These ranges are intended to allow the selection of a convenient rate, depending upon the sensitivity of the detector, so that a response can be obtained in a reasonable time.

The initially selected rate of increase in aerosol density shall be similar for all measurements on a particular detector type.