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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16972:2010), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared with the previous edition are as follows:

- the terms used in the field of respiratory protective devices (RPD) have been updated;
- Clause 5, “Units of measurement”, has been deleted;
- Annex A, “Terms and definitions referring to respiratory protective devices in current national standards, regulations or other national contexts”, has been deleted;
- Annex B, “Abbreviations used”, has been deleted.

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# Respiratory protective devices — Vocabulary and graphical symbols

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms and specifies units of measurement for respiratory protective devices (RPDs), excluding diving apparatus. It indicates graphical symbols that can be required on RPDs, parts of RPD or instruction manuals in order to instruct the person(s) using the RPD as to its operation.

NOTE Terms and definitions for diving apparatus are given in EN 250.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms related to respiratory protective devices

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### abrasive blasting respiratory protective device

*breathing apparatus* (3.32) incorporating a protective *hood* (3.115) or a *blouse* (3.23) fitted with an *impact resistant* (3.119) *visor* (3.252)

Note 1 to entry: *Breathable air* (3.28) is supplied to the *wearer* (3.257) from a source of air not carried by the wearer.

### 3.2

#### accessory

item, or items, that are attached to the *respiratory protective device (RPD)* (3.203) that are not necessary for the RPD to meet the requirements of the RPD performance standard and do not compromise its protection

### 3.3

#### adequacy assessment

selection method identifying the *respiratory protective device* (3.203) is able to reduce the *wearer's* (3.257) inhalation exposure to acceptable levels

### 3.4

#### adequate respiratory protective device

##### adequate RPD

RPD (3.203) capable of reducing the inhalation exposure to an acceptable level

### 3.5

#### aerodynamic diameter

diameter of a unit density sphere having the same settling velocity as the *particle* (3.170) in question

### 3.6

#### aerosol

suspension of solid, liquid, or solid and liquid *particles* (3.170) in a gaseous medium, having a negligible falling velocity (generally considered to be less than 0,25 m/s)

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- 3.7**  
**aerosol penetration**  
ability of *particles* (3.170) to pass through a particle-filtering material
- 3.8**  
**air flow resistance**  
pressure difference between upstream and downstream locations caused by the flow of air through the parts and components of a *respiratory protective device* (3.203) such as an *exhalation valve* (3.79), *inhalation valve* (3.120), *filter(s)* (3.86), and *tube* (3.245), etc.
- 3.9**  
**air supply hose**  
**fresh air supply hose**  
*hose* (3.116) for the supply of air at about atmospheric pressure
- 3.10**  
**ambient air bypass**  
means to enable the *wearer* (3.257) to breathe the *ambient atmosphere* (3.12) before entering and after leaving a *hazardous atmosphere* (3.108)
- 3.11**  
**ambient air system**  
device used to deliver ambient air at a *low pressure* (3.134) directly to a *breathable gas* (3.29) *respiratory protective device* (3.203) (manually or power assisted)
- 3.12**  
**ambient atmosphere**  
air surrounding the *wearer* (3.257)
- 3.13**  
**ambient concentration**  
concentration of a compound in the air surrounding the *wearer* (3.257)
- 3.14**  
**ambient laboratory conditions**  
atmosphere where the temperature is between 16 °C and 32 °C and the relative humidity is between 20 % and 80 %
- 3.15**  
**apertometer**  
extended hemispherical dome for measuring the angular area of the *field of vision* (3.85) [*peripheral isopter* (3.176)] of a *respiratory protective device* (3.203) when mounted on a *respiratory protective device headform* (3.204)
- 3.16**  
**as received**  
not preconditioned or modified to carry out a test
- 3.17**  
**assigned protection factor**  
**APF**  
anticipated level of respiratory protection that would be provided by a properly functioning *respiratory protective device (RPD)* (3.203) or class of RPD within an effective *RPD programme* (3.207)
- 3.18**  
**assisted filtering respiratory protective device**  
**assisted filtering RPD**  
*filtering RPD* (3.90) where *breathable gas* (3.29) is actively supplied to the *wearer* (3.257) by the *RPD* (3.203)

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**3.19****averaged interactive flow rate**

*interactive flow rate* (3.126) averaged over 10 consecutive *breathing cycles* (3.34) of the *breathing machine* (3.38)

**3.20****averaged maximum interactive flow rate**

average of the highest *flow rate* (3.92) within each *breathing cycle* (3.34) of 10 consecutive breathing cycles of the *breathing machine* (3.38)

**3.21****averaged minimum interactive flow rate**

average of the lowest *flow rate* (3.92) within each *breathing cycle* (3.34) of 10 consecutive breathing cycles of the *breathing machine* (3.38)

**3.22****averaged peak interactive flow rate**

average of the maximum peak *flow rate* (3.92) within each *breathing cycle* (3.34) of 10 consecutive breathing cycles of the *breathing machine* (3.38)

**3.23****blouse**

garment, used as a *facepiece* (3.83), that covers the head and upper part of the body to the waist and wrists and to which air is supplied

**3.24****body harness**

means to enable certain components of a *respiratory protective device* (3.203) to be worn on the body

**3.25****body temperature pressure saturated****BTPS**

standard condition for the expression of *ventilation* (4.20) parameters

Note 1 to entry: Body temperature (37 °C), atmospheric pressure 101,3 kPa and water vapour pressure (6,27 kPa) in saturated air.

**3.26****breakthrough concentration**

concentration of test *gas* (3.97) in effluent air at which a *gas filter* (3.98) undergoing a *gas capacity* (3.44) test is deemed exhausted

**3.27****breakthrough time**

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time taken from the start of the test until the test *gas* (3.97) and specified reaction products are detected at the specified *breakthrough concentration* (3.26) at the downstream side of the *filter* (3.86) under test

**3.28****breathable air**

air of a quality that makes it suitable for safe respiration

Note 1 to entry: For compressed air for *breathing apparatus* (3.32), see EN 12021:2014.

**3.29****breathable gas**

mixture of *gases* (3.97) that is suitable for respiration without adverse effects to health