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European foreword

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The text of the International Standard ISO 14520-10:2016 from Technical Committee ISO/TC 21 "Equipment for fire protection and firefighting" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has been taken over as a European Standard by Technical Committee CEN/TC 191 "Fixed firefighting systems", the secretariat of which is held by BSI, with common modifications which are indicated by a straight line in the margin of the text.

This document will consist of the following parts, under the general title *Fixed firefighting systems* — *Gas extinguishing systems:*

- Part 1: *Design*, *installation* and maintenance;
- Part 2: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for FK-5-1-12 extinguishant;
- Part 3: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HCFC Blend A extinguishant;
- Part 4: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 125 extinguishant;
- Part 5: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 227ea extinguishant;
- Part 6: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for HFC 23 extinguishant;
- Part 7: Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-01 extinguishant;
- Part 8: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-100 extinguishant*;
- Part 9: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-55 extinguishant*;
- Part 10: *Physical properties and system design of gas extinguishing systems for IG-541 extinguishant.*

The International Standards ISO 14520-2 and ISO 14520-11, which dealt with CF_3I and HFC 236fa extinguishants, respectively, have not been implemented by CEN, as CF_3I is only valid for local application and HFC 236fa extinguishant is only applicable for portable fire extinguishers and local application, respectively, which is not covered by the scope.

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1 Scope

This document contains specific requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 23 extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects and is applicable to systems operating at a nominal pressure of 41 bar without nitrogen superpressurization and 70 bar superpressurized with nitrogen.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 15004-1:2019, Fixed firefighting systems — Gas extinguishing systems — Part 1: Design, installation and maintenance

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15004-1 apply.

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

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

4 Characteristics and uses (standards.iteh.ai)

4.1 General

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Extinguishant HFC 23 shall comply with the specification shown in Table 1.- [4bd-4cdc-ab55-

HFC 23 is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas with a density approximately 2,4 times that of air.

The physical properties are shown in Table 2.

HFC 23 extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, but by some chemical means.

Table 1 — Specification for HFC 23

Property	Requirement			
Purity	99,6 % (mol/mol), min.			
Acidity	3×10^{-6} by mass, max.			
Water content	10×10^{-6} by mass, max.			
Non-volatile residue	0,01 % by mass, max.			
Suspended matter or sediment	None visible			

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CHF₃

Trifluoromethane

Property Units Value Molecular mass 70 °C **Boiling** point 1,013 bar -82,0at (absolute) °C -155.2Freezing point °C Critical temperature 25,9 Critical pressure bar abs 48,36 Critical volume cm³/mol 133 Critical density 525 kg/m^3 Vapour pressure 20 °C bar abs 41,80 Liquid density 20 °C 806,6 kg/m^3 Saturated vapour density 20 °C 263,0 kg/m^3

Table 2 — Physical properties of HFC 23

4.2 Use of HFC 23 systems

Specific volume of superheated

vapour at 1,013 bar and 20 °C

Chemical formula

Chemical name

HFC 23 total flooding systems may be used for extinguishing fires of all classes within the limits specified in EN 15004-1:2019, Clause 4.5656/814-60-15004-6-2020

 m^3/kg

The extinguishant requirements per volume of protected space are shown in Table 3 for various levels of concentration. These are based on methods shown in EN 15004-1:2019, 7.6.

The extinguishing concentrations and design concentrations for *n*-heptane and surface class A hazards are shown in Table 4.

Table 3 — HFC 23 total flooding quantity

Temperature	Specific	HFC 2	HFC 23 mass requirements per unit volume of protected space, m/V (kg/m ³)								
T °C	vapour volume S	Design concentration (by volume)									
	m ³ /kg	10 %	12 %	14 %	15 %	16 %	17 %	18 %	20 %	22 %	24 %
-60	0,2428	0,457 6	0,5616	0,6705	0,7268	0,784 5	0,843 6	0,904 1	1,029 7	1,1617	1,300 6
-55	0,249 2	0,445 9	0,547 2	0,6533	0,708 1	0,764 4	0,8219	0,880 9	1,003 2	1,1318	1,267 2
-50	0,255 5	0,4349	0,533 7	0,6371	0,6907	0,745 5	0,8016	0,859 1	0,978 5	1,103 9	1,236 0
-45	0,261 7	0,424 6	0,521 1	0,622 1	0,6743	0,7278	0,782 6	0,8388	0,955 3	1,0778	1,206 7
-40	0,268 0	0,414 6	0,5088	0,607 4	0,6585	0,710 7	0,7643	0,819 1	0,9328	1,052 4	1,178 3
-35	0,274 2	0,405 2	0,497 3	0,593 7	0,643 6	0,694 7	0,747 0	0,800 6	0,911 7	1,028 6	1,151 7
-30	0,280 3	0,3964	0,486 5	0,5808	0,629 6	0,679 5	0,730 7	0,783 1	0,891 9	1,006 2	1,126 6
-25	0,286 5	0,3878	0,476 0	0,568 2	0,6160	0,6648	0,7149	0,766 2	0,872 6	0,984 5	1,102 2

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-20	0,292 6	0,379 7	0,466 0	0,5564	0,603 1	0,651 0	0,700 0	0,750 2	0,8544	0,963 9	1,079 3
-15	0,298 7	0,372 0	0,456 5	0,545 0	0,5908	0,637 7	0,685 7	0,734 9	0,837 0	0,944 3	1,057 2
-10	0,304 7	0,364 7	0,447 5	0,5343	0,579 2	0,625 1	0,672 2	0,720 4	0,820 5	0,925 7	1,036 4
- 5	0,3108	0,357 5	0,4388	0,5238	0,5678	0,612 9	0,6590	0,7063	0,804 4	0,907 5	1,016 1
0	0,3168	0,350 7	0,430 4	0,513 9	0,557 0	0,6013	0,646 5	0,692 9	0,789 1	0,8903	0,9968
5	0,322 9	0,344 1	0,422 3	0,5042	0,546 5	0,589 9	0,6343	0,6798	0,774 2	0,873 5	0,978 0
10	0,328 9	0,3378	0,414 6	0,495 0	0,5365	0,579 1	0,622 7	0,667 4	0,760 1	0,857 6	0,960 1
15	0,334 9	0,3318	0,407 2	0,486 1	0,5269	0,5688	0,611 6	0,655 5	0,746 5	0,842 2	0,942 9
20	0,340 9	0,325 9	0,400 0	0,477 5	0,517 7	0,558 7	0,6008	0,643 9	0,733 4	0,827 4	0,926 3
25	0,3468	0,320 4	0,393 2	0,469 4	0,5089	0,549 2	0,590 6	0,633 0	0,720 9	0,813 3	0,910 6
30	0,3528	0,314 9	0,386 5	0,4614	0,500 2	0,539 9	0,580 6	0,622 2	0,7086	0,799 5	0,895 1
35	0,3588	0,309 7	0,380 1	0,453 7	0,4918	0,530 9	0,5708	0,6118	0,6968	0,786 1	0,880 1
40	0,364 7	0,304 7	0,373 9	0,446 4	0,483 9	0,522 3	0,5616	0,6019	0,685 5	0,773 4	0,865 9
45	0,370 7	0,2997	0,367 9	0,439 1	0,4760	0,5138	0,5525	0,5922	0,6744	0,760 9	0,8519
50	0,376 6	0,295 0	0,362 1	0,4323	0,4686	0,5058	0,543 9	0,582 9	0,6638	0,748 9	0,838 5
55	0,382 6	0,290 4	0,3564	0,425 5	0,4612	0,4978	0,5353	0,573 7	0,653 4	0,737 2	0,825 4
60	0,388 5	0,286 0	0,3510	0,419 0	0,4542	0,490 3	0,527 2	0,565 0	0,643 5	0,726 0	0,8128
65	0,394 4	0,2817	0,345 7	0,4128	0,447 4	0,483 0	0,5193	0,556 6	0,633 9	0,715 1	0,800 7
70	0,400 4	0,277 5	0,340 6	0,4066	0,440 7	0,475 7	0,5115	0,548 2	0,6244	0,704 4	0,788 7

NOTE This information refers only to HFC-23 and does not represent any other products containing trifluoromethane as a component.

Symbols:

m/V is the agent mass requirements (kg/m³); i.e. mass, m, in kilograms of agent required per cubic metre of protected volume, V, to produce the indicated concentration at the temperature specified;

V is the net volume of hazard (m^3); i.e the enclosed volume minus the fixed structures impervious to extinguishant

$$m = \left(\frac{c}{100 - c}\right) \frac{V}{S}$$

T is the temperature (°C); i.e. the design temperature in the hazard area;

S is the specific volume (m 3 /kg); the specific volume of superheated HFC 23 vapour at a pressure of 1,013 bar may be approximated by the formula

$$S = k_1 + k_2 T$$

where

 $k_1 = 0.3164$

 $k_2 = 0,0012$

c is the concentration (%); i.e. the volumetric concentration of HFC 23 in air at the temperature indicated and a pressure of 1,013 bar absolute.

Table 4 — HFC 23 reference extinguishing and design concentrations

Fuel	Extinguishment % by volume	Minimum design % by volume
Class B Heptane (cup burner) Heptane (room test)	12,6 12,3	16,4
Surface Class A Wood Crib PMMA PP ABS	10,5 12,5 12,5 12,4	16,3
Higher Hazard Class A	See Note 4	16,3

NOTE 1 The extinguishment values for the Class B and the Surface Class A fuels are determined by testing in EN 15004-1:2019, Annexes B and C.

NOTE 2 The minimum design concentration for the Class B fuel is the higher value of the heptane cup burner or room test heptane extinguishment concentration multiplied by 1,3.

NOTE 3 The minimum design concentration for Surface Class A fuel is the highest value of the wood crib, PMMA, PP or ABS extinguishment concentrations multiplied by 1,3. In the absence of any of the four extinguishment values, the minimum design concentration for Surface Class A isshall be that of Higher Hazard Class A.

NOTE 4 Higher-Hazard Class A hazards are those having the characteristics described in the CAUTION statement of EN 15004-1:2019, 7.5.1.3. The minimum design concentration for Higher Hazard Class A fuels shall be the higher of the Surface Class A or 95 % of the Class B minimum design concentration.

NOTE 5 See EN 15004-1:2019, 7.5.1.3 for guidance on Class A fuels.

NOTE 6 The extinguishing and design concentrations for room-scale test fires are for informational purposes only.

Table 5 and Table 6 from ISO/DIS 14520-10:2014 have been removed by CEN/TC 191/WG 6 because no data was available to verify the given values.

5 Safety of personnel

Any hazard to personnel created by the discharge of HFC 23 shall be considered in the design of the system.

Potential hazards can arise from the following:

- a) the extinguishant itself;
- b) the combustion products of the fire;
- c) breakdown products of the extinguishant resulting from exposure to fire.

For minimum safety requirements, see EN 15004-1:2019, Clause 5.

Toxicological information for HFC 23 is shown in Table 5.

Table 5 — Toxicological information for HFC 23

Property	Value % by volume				
ALC	> 65				
No observed adverse effect level (NOAEL)	30				
Lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL)	> 30				
NOTE ALC is the approximate lethal concentration for a rat population during a 4-h exposure.					

System design

6.1 Fill density

The fill density of the container shall not result in pressures exceeding the container specifications at the maximum design temperature. For examples, see Tables 6 and 7.

Exceeding the maximum fill density may result in the container becoming "liquid full", with the effect that an extremely high rise in pressure occurs with small increases in temperature, which could adversely affect the integrity of the container assembly.

The relationships between pressure and temperature are shown in Figure 1 for various levels of fill density.

Table 6 — Storage container characteristics for HFC 23 - 41 bar

Property FN 15004 6:20	Unit	Value
Maximum fill density h.ai/catalog/standards/sist	5 f kg/m ³ -f41	od-860-al
Maximum container working pressure at 50 °C	4-6-2020 bar	137
NOTE Reference Figure 1 for further data on relationships.	pressure/ten	nperature

Table 7 — Storage container characteristics for HFC 23 - 70 bar

Property	Unit	Value				
Maximum fill density	kg/m ³	850				
Maximum container working pressure at 50 °C	bar	163				
Pressurization at 20 °C	bar	70				
NOTE Reference Figure 2 for further data on pressure/temperature						

6.2 Superpressurization

Containers designed for use with HFC 23 are typically not superpressurized. However, when applicable, containers shall be pressurized, with nitrogen with a moisture content of not more than 60 ppm by mass to an equilibrium pressure of 70 bar (+5/0) % at a temperature of 20 °C.