



## Standard Test Method for Access Depth Under Furniture of Vacuum Cleaners<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of the operational ability of the vacuum cleaner, expressed as the access depth for a given furniture clearance above the floor.

1.2 This test method can be used in testing household and commercial vacuum cleaners.

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1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Summary of Test Method

2.1 The carpet nozzle is inserted under a horizontal rod and the access depth is measured from the front of the rod.

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method is intended to provide a means of evaluating the effective cleaning depth under furniture.

3.2 Results of testing by this test method can be used as a basis for specifications on cleaning under furniture.

### 4. Apparatus

4.1 A 0.75-in. (19-mm) diameter rod, mounted horizontally in a suitable supporting device to provide heights under the rod from 0 to 10.0 in. (0 to 254 mm) in increments of 0.5 in. (12.7 mm).

4.2 A device for measuring access depth, (in inches or millimetres) horizontally from the face of the horizontal bar in 4.1.

4.3 Voltage Regulator System, to control the input voltage to the vacuum cleaner. The regulator system must be capable of maintaining the vacuum cleaner's rated voltage  $\pm 1\%$  and rated frequency having a wave form that is essentially sinusoidal with 3 % maximum harmonic distortion for the duration of the test.

4.4 Voltmeter, to measure input voltage to the vacuum cleaner, to provide measurements accurate to within  $\pm 1\%$ .

### 5. Sampling

5.1 The access depth under furniture shall be established on three samples.

### 6. Preparation of Apparatus

6.1 Prepare the apparatus as shown in Figs. 1-3.

### 7. Procedure

7.1 Upright Vacuum Cleaners (Fig. 1):

7.1.1 Place the upright vacuum cleaner in its most advantageous position for cleaning under furniture. Operate the vacuum cleaner at the vacuum cleaner's nameplate rated voltage  $\pm 1\%$  and rated frequency  $\pm 1\%$  with the nozzle height in the lowest cleaning position on a bare floor surface.

7.1.1.1 For vacuum cleaners with dual nameplate voltage ratings, conduct the test method at the highest voltage.

7.1.2 The access depth is the distance (in inches or millimetres) measured from the front of the 0.75-in. (19-mm) diameter rod (when in contact with the highest component of the vacuum cleaner) to the most advanced point of the inlet of the nozzle.

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