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European foreword

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This document is to be read in conjunction with EN 12101-13.

The EN12101 series has the general title “Smoke and heat control systems” and currently consists of the following parts, which may be expanded in the future:

- Part 1: *Specification for smoke barriers;*
- Part 2: *Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators;*
- Part 3: *Specification for powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators (fans);*
- Part 4: *Installed SHEVS systems for smoke and heat ventilation* (published as CEN/TR 12101-4);
- Part 5: *Design and calculation for smoke and heat exhaust ventilation systems using a steady-state fire* (published as CEN/TR 12101-5);
- Part 6: *Specification for pressure differential systems Kits;*
- Part 7: *Smoke duct sections;*
- Part 8: *Smoke control dampers;*
- Part 10: *Power supplies;*
- Part 13: *Pressure differential systems (PDS) design and calculation methods, acceptance testing, maintenance and routine testing of installation.*

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EN 12101-6:2022 (E)**Introduction****Objectives of pressure differential systems**

Pressure differential systems offer the facility of maintaining tenable conditions in protected spaces, for example: escape routes, firefighting access routes, firefighting lift shafts, lobbies, staircases, and other spaces that require being kept free of smoke. It is necessary to determine not only where the fresh air supply for pressurization is to be introduced into a building, but also where that air and smoke will leave the building and what paths it will follow in the process.

The aim therefore is to establish a pressure gradient from the protected space to the unprotected space (fire room) while the doors are closed, and an airflow while the doors are open.

Smoke control methods

The effect of the air movement forces, described above, are to create pressure differentials across the partitions, walls and floors and can cause smoke to spread to spaces remote from the fire source. The technique most commonly used to limit the degree of smoke spread, or to control its effects, is pressurization.

System components

A typical pressure differential system will comprise three basic components:

- a) components for providing supply air and to extract air;
- b) components for controlling the pressure difference between the space with higher pressure and the adjoining space with lower pressure;
- c) components for releasing air flowing through the door between the space with higher pressure to those with lower pressure (to prevent unwanted pressure build up in this space).

Installations of pressure differential systems (PDS) may comprise:

- fans (temperature rated) if necessary; [SIST EN 12101-6:2022](https://standards.itoh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/a91062a0-7632-4ed9-98b3-7e7a0b700fa6/sist-en-12101-6-2022)
- air or smoke control ducts to provide a passageway for the transmission of air or smoke;
- ventilation openings to provide leakage of air (including dampers, active or passive controlled);
- power supply;
- connecting cables;
- means of activation;
- means of pressure control;
- control panel;
- smoke control dampers in branches from the ductwork where the ductwork is situated outside the protected enclosure;
- grilles and diffusers;
- door closers.

The design of pressure differential systems is covered in EN 12101-13.

1 Scope

This document applies to pressure differential system kits and components, positioned on the market and intended to operate as part of a pressure differential system. The purpose of a pressure differential system is to prevent protected spaces from smoke spread by using pressure difference and airflow. This document specifies characteristics and test methods for components and kits for pressure differential systems to produce and control the required pressure differential and airflow between protected and unprotected space.

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 1363-1, *Fire resistance tests - Part 1: General requirements*

EN 12101-2, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 2: Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators*

EN 12101-3, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 3: Specification for powered smoke and heat control ventilators (Fans)*

EN 12101-8, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 8: Smoke control dampers*

EN 13501-4, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 4: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on components of smoke control systems*

EN ISO 13943, *Fire safety - Vocabulary (ISO 13943)*

EN 1366-8, *Fire resistance tests for service installations - Part 8: Smoke extraction ducts*

EN 1366-9, *Fire resistance tests for service installations - Part 9: Single compartment smoke extraction ducts*

EN 1366-10, *Fire resistance tests for service installations - Part 10: Smoke control dampers*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 13943 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1.1

air release

means by which pressurizing air or a mixture of pressurizing air and smoke is able to escape from the accommodation or other unpressurized space to outside the building

EN 12101-6:2022 (E)**3.1.2****control panel**

multi-operational device to activate and/or control a PDS

3.1.3**depressurization**

smoke control using pressure differentials between the protected space and the unprotected space with a lower pressure in the unprotected space

3.1.4**pressure differential system****PDS**

combination of at least one kit and additional components intended to produce pressure differential and airflow between protected and unprotected spaces

3.1.5**pressurization**

smoke control using pressure differentials between the protected space and the unprotected space with a higher pressure in the protected space

3.1.6**pressure differential system (PDS)**

combination of at least two components which are necessary to produce and control the required pressure differential and airflow-between protected and unprotected space

Note 1 to entry: The type of kit is dictated by the PDS design and objectives. Schematic overviews of different types are given in Annex A.

3.1.7**active control**

pressure control actuated from measured pressure and using external energy (e.g motor driven damper, frequency inverter-controlled fans, etc.)

3.1.8**barometric relief damper**

damper activated by local pressure difference that opens to permit airflow and therefore controls the pressure

3.1.9**activation signal**

signal to initiate from stand-by to the active mode of the pressure differential system

3.2 Symbols

The symbols and abbreviations below are used in the document:

Symbol	Unit	Description
\dot{V}_{ar}	m ³ /h	measured air release volume flow rate from space 1 (representing the protected space in the building) to space 2 (representing the unprotected space in the building) via open air release path during the test (nominal value given by the manufacturer)
\dot{V}_{RL}	m ³ /h	required leakage flow rate if necessary for the function of the PDS kit. If the building leakages (always present) are at the same rate or larger, during the test (nominal value given by the manufacturer), the component to produce the defined leakage is part of the PDS kit under test
$\dot{V}_{TO_{ps}}$	m ³ /h	volume flow rate through temporary openings (e.g. open doors from staircases on different levels from fire level, open escape/exit door) in case of pressurization during the test (nominal value given by the manufacturer)
$\dot{V}_{TO_{dp}}$	m ³ /h	volume flow rate through temporary openings (e.g. open doors from staircases on different levels from fire level, open escape/exit door) in case of depressurization during the test (nominal value given by the manufacturer)
\dot{V}_{ex}	m ³ /h	exhaust volume flow rate out of space 2 for combined systems
\dot{V}_{rl}	m ³ /h	required minimum leakage volume flow rate at nominal pressure difference Δp_{Nom}
$\dot{V}_{ar,ll}$	m ³ /h	lower limit of volume flow rate through air release $V_{ar,ll} = 0,9 * \dot{V}_{ar}$
\dot{V}_{sa}	m ³ /h	supply air volume flow rate measured at inlet nozzle
\dot{V}_{TC}	m ³ /h	total controlled volume flow rate of the PDS kit as sum of flow rate air release \dot{V}_{ar} + flow rate through temporary openings \dot{V}_{TC} (nominal value given by the manufacturer)
\dot{V}_{BP}	m ³ /h	bypass air volume flow rate
Δp_{tr1}	Pa	pressure differential between space 1 and reference pressure (static pressure in test hall)
Δp_{tr2}	Pa	pressure differential between space 2 and reference pressure (static pressure in test hall)
Δp_{nom}	Pa	nominal pressure differential to be maintained by the PDS kit with closed air release opening and closed temporary openings (static conditions)
Δp_{ar}	Pa	pressure difference across the open-air release path
$\Delta p_{Nom,ul}$	Pa	Upper limit of nominal pressure differential $\Delta p_{Nom,ul} = 1,2 * \Delta p_{Nom}$

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Symbol	Unit	Description
Δt_V	s	Time period needed to establish volume flow rate $\dot{V}_{ar,II}$ (flow criteria – see Figure 6)
Δt_p	s	Pressure stabilizing time period (pressure criteria - see 5.7)
$\Delta t_{V,i}$	s	time to establish volume flow rate in TCS cycle i
$\Delta t_{p,i}$	s	pressure stabilizing time in TCS cycle i
fr	s ⁻¹	frequency of the frequency inverter from the PDS kit where equipped
fr _{min}	s ⁻¹	minimal frequency of the frequency inverter at the passed test with all openings closed and at lowest required leakage – shall be stated in the test report
fr _{max}	s ⁻¹	highest frequency of the frequency inverter at the passed test with air release path and temporary opening open and at highest required leakage – shall be stated in the test report
I _{fan}	A	absorbed current of the fan (motor)
TCS		test cycle sequence

4 Characteristics

4.1 General

This clause gives details of the characteristics and additional test details. The structure of this clause is mirrored in Clause 5. The characteristics are listed here, with the corresponding test reference in Clause 5.

NOTE This structure was used, as it mirrors the requirements for harmonized product standards to ensure all the relevant subjects are covered.

For example, in Clause 4.2.2.1 the characteristics for natural smoke and heat exhaust dampers are shown and the matching Clause 5.2.2.1 provides the test method. This is continued throughout these 2 clauses.

The kit shall be shown to be able to fulfil the specific pressure differential application that it is designed to provide. To demonstrate this, certain components have their own requirements and will need to fulfil these. Any component with no specific characteristics shown below shall be listed as part of the kit and included in the kit testing.

- Where there is a need for air or smoke release (cold or hot) to the outside through an opening fitted with a natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilator shall be used;
- Where air volume and pressure are to be controlled using mechanical pressure relief a barometric damper or controlled damper in accordance with this document shall be used;
- Where ambient air is to be supplied using fans, the fans shall be further shown to be in accordance with this document;
- Where air or smoke is to be extracted by the pressure differential systems (cold or hot) this shall be done using powered heat exhaust ventilators (smoke control fans);

- Where air or smoke is to be extracted (cold or hot) using ductwork, the ductwork shall be smoke control duct (Builders work shafts may be used as an option and this is not within the scope of this document);
- Where dampers are needed to open and close to provide a path for air or smoke (cold or hot) to the outside and maintain compartmentation, these shall be smoke control dampers;
- Where volume control around high temperature fans is to be provided using motorized control dampers these shall be hot gas control dampers in accordance with this document.

NOTE fans/shafts/ductwork used to balance stack effects in the staircase do not need to have a temperature rating.

4.2 Nominal activation conditions/sensitivity

4.2.1 Kit

The PDS kit shall be activated automatically by smoke detectors and it shall be possible to trigger it manually by an external switch.

The following proxy characteristics shall be taken into account:

- a) the response time – see 4.3; and
- b) the operational reliability – see 4.4.

In addition, the following components shall have their own characteristics when functioning as a part of the kit.

4.2.2 Components

4.2.2.1 Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators

The characteristics for nominal activation conditions/sensitivity in EN 12101-2 shall be met – see 5.2.2.1.

4.2.2.2 Pressure control dampers (e.g. barometric dampers, motorized control dampers)

The following proxy characteristics shall be taken into account:

- a) the response time – see 4.3; and
- b) the operational reliability – see 4.4.

4.2.2.3 Fans

4.2.2.3.1 Ambient air supply fans

The following proxy characteristics shall be taken into account:

- a) the response time – see 4.3; and
- b) the operational reliability – see 4.4.

4.2.2.3.2 Smoke control fans (powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators)

In addition to any response time required by the kit (4.3.1), the characteristics for nominal activation conditions/sensitivity in EN 12101-3 shall be met – see 5.2.2.3.2.

See also Annex C for additional tests with smoke fans controlled by frequency inverters.

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Smoke control ducts have no nominal activation conditions/sensitivity requirements as they have no moving parts.

4.2.2.5 Smoke control dampers

The characteristics for nominal activation conditions/sensitivity in EN 12101-8 shall be met – see 5.2.2.5.

4.2.2.6 Hot gas control dampers

The following proxy characteristics shall be taken into account:

- a) the response time – see 4.3; and
- b) the operational reliability – see 4.4; and
- c) characteristics as determined in Annex B.

4.3 Response delay (response time)**4.3.1 Kit****4.3.1.1 General**

The proxy characteristics in 4.3.1.2 and 4.3.1.3 shall be taken into account.

4.3.1.2 Initial response time

The kit shall achieve operating status within a time period of less than 60 s after the activation signal. This shall be tested in accordance with 5.4.1.

4.3.1.3 Response time of door opening and door closing

The kit shall achieve at least 90 % of the nominal airflow rate within 3 s of a door being fully opened (opening angle 90°) in accordance with test method in 5.4.1.2.

The kit shall reach the nominal pressure differential in the protected space $\Delta p_{\text{nom}} \pm 20\%$ within 3 s after a door to the unprotected space or a temporary opening is closed completely. The pressure differential shall not exceed $\Delta p_{\text{nom,ul}} = \Delta p_{\text{nom}} \cdot 1,2$ for a time period of more than 3 s. This shall be demonstrated in accordance with the test method in 5.4.1.

The kit shall re-establish behaviour under the conditions of the oscillating test in 5.4.1.11 even in the case of several door closing/opening cycles in accordance with test method in 5.4.1.11.

4.3.2 Components**4.3.2.1 General**

In addition, the following components shall have their own requirements when functioning as a part of the kit.

4.3.2.2 Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators

The characteristics for response delay (response time) in EN 12101-2 shall be met – see 5.3.2.1.

4.3.2.3 Pressure control dampers (e.g. barometric dampers, motorized control dampers)

The pressure control dampers shall meet the response time characteristics as shown in 4.3.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.3.2.2.

4.3.2.4 Fans

4.3.2.4.1 Ambient air supply fans

The ambient supply fans shall meet the response time characteristics as shown in 4.3.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.3.2.3.1.

4.3.2.4.2 Smoke control fans (powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators)

In addition to any response time required by the kit (4.3.1), if the product requires it, the characteristics for nominal activation conditions/sensitivity in EN 12101-3 shall be met – see 5.3.2.3.2.

4.3.2.5 Smoke control ducts

Smoke control ducts have no response delay requirements as they have no moving parts.

4.3.2.6 Smoke control dampers

The characteristics for response delay (response time) in EN 12101-8 shall be met – see 5.3.2.5.

4.3.2.7 Hot gas control dampers

The characteristics shown in Annex B shall be reported against the listed classifications. The dampers shall meet the requirements in 4.3.1 and move to the required position in less than 3 s (4.3.1) and be proven that the average operation time as determined in Annex B under elevated temperature conditions and is no more than plus 20 % of that determined at ambient temperature.

4.4 Operational reliability

4.4.1 Kit

The following proxy characteristics shall be taken into account: the ability of the kit to fulfil the volume flow rate and pressurization values as part of the functionality test – see 5.4.1.

Complete the 10 000 cycles requirement.

In addition, the following components shall have their own requirements when functioning as a part of the kit.

4.4.2 Components

4.4.2.1 Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators

The characteristics for operational reliability in EN 12101-2 shall be met – see 5.4.2.1.

4.4.2.2 Pressure control dampers (e.g. barometric dampers, motorized control dampers)

The pressure control dampers shall meet the operational reliability as shown in 4.4.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.4.2.2.

4.4.2.3 Fans

4.4.2.3.1 Ambient air supply fans

The ambient supply fans shall meet the operational reliability characteristics as shown in 4.4.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.4.2.3.1.

4.4.2.3.2 Smoke control fans (Powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators)

In addition to any operational reliability required by the kit test (4.4.1), the smoke control fans shall meet the operational reliability requirements of EN 12101-3 – see 5.4.2.3.2.

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See also Annex C for additional tests with smoke fans controlled by frequency inverters

4.4.2.4 Smoke control ducts

Smoke control ducts have no operational reliability requirements as they have no moving parts.

4.4.2.5 Smoke control dampers

The characteristics for operational reliability in EN 12101-8 shall be met – see 5.4.2.5.

4.4.2.6 Hot gas control dampers

The 10 operations at ambient and 10 operations at elevated temperature (see Annex B) shall be met before being part of the kit test – see 4.4.1.

4.5 Effectiveness of smoke/hot gas extraction (air release/powered air release)**4.5.1 Kit**

The following proxy characteristic shall be taken into account:

- the ability of the kit to fulfil the operational reliability requirements – see 4.4.

4.5.2 Components**4.5.2.1 Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators**

The aerodynamic free area and relevant loading reliability requirements of EN 12101-2 shall be met – see 5.5.2.1.

4.5.2.2 Pressure control dampers (e.g. barometric dampers, motorized control dampers)

As a proxy characteristic the pressure control dampers shall meet the response time (4.3.1) and operational reliability (4.4.1) when tested as part of the kit – see 5.5.2.2.

4.5.2.3 Fans

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4.5.2.3.1 Ambient air supply fans

The ambient supply fans shall meet the operational reliability characteristics as shown in 4.4.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.5.2.3.1.

4.5.2.3.2 Smoke control fans (Powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators)

In addition to any operational reliability required by the kit test (see 4.4.1), the smoke control fans shall meet the operational reliability requirements of EN 12101-3 – see 5.5.2.3.2.

See also Annex C for additional tests with smoke fans controlled by frequency inverters.

4.5.2.4 Smoke control ducts

The maintenance of cross-sectional area and no collapse requirements of the duct fire resistance tests EN 1366-8 (multi-compartment) or EN 1366-9 (single compartment) shall be met (not necessarily the section requirements) – see 5.5.2.4.

4.5.2.5 Smoke control dampers

The maintenance of cross-sectional area requirements of EN 12101-8 shall be met – see 5.5.2.4.

4.5.2.6 Hot gas control dampers

As a proxy characteristic, the hot gas control dampers shall meet the response time (see 4.3.1) and operational reliability (4.4.1) when tested as part of the kit – see 5.5.2.6.

4.6 Performance parameters under fire conditions

4.6.1 Kit

The following proxy characteristic shall be taken into account:

- the ability of the kit to fulfil the operational reliability requirements – see 4.4.

4.6.2 Components

4.6.2.1 Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators

The aerodynamic free area and relevant loading reliability requirements of EN 12101-2 shall be met – see 5.6.2.1.

4.6.2.2 Pressure control dampers (e.g. barometric dampers, motorized control dampers)

As a proxy characteristic the pressure control dampers shall meet the response time (4.3.1) and operational reliability (4.4.1) when tested as part of the kit – see 5.6.2.2.

4.6.2.3 Fans

4.6.2.3.1 Ambient air supply fans

The ambient supply fans shall meet the operational reliability characteristics as shown in 4.4.1 when tested as part of the kit – see 5.6.2.3.1.

4.6.2.3.2 Smoke control fans (powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators)

In addition to any operational reliability required by the kit test (4.4.1), the smoke control fans shall meet the operational reliability requirements of EN 12101-3 – see 5.6.2.3.2.

See also Annex C for additional tests with smoke fans controlled by frequency inverters.

4.6.2.4 Smoke control ducts

The maintenance of cross-sectional area and no collapse requirements of the duct fire resistance tests EN 1366-8 (multi-compartment) or EN 1366-9 (single compartment) shall be met (not necessarily the section requirements) – see 5.5.2.4.

4.6.2.5 Smoke control dampers

The maintenance of cross-sectional area requirements of EN 12101-8 shall be met – see 5.6.2.5.

4.6.2.6 Hot gas control dampers

As a proxy characteristic, the hot gas control dampers shall meet the response time (see 4.3.1) and operational reliability (see 4.4.1) when tested as part of the kit – see 5.6.2.6.

4.7 Pressurization performance

4.7.1 Kit

The following proxy characteristic shall be taken into account:

- the ability of the kit to fulfil the operational reliability requirements – see 4.4.