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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 29463-5:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- normative references are updated
- [Annex C](#) is revised

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Introduction

ISO 29463 (all parts) is derived from EN 1822 (all parts) with extensive changes to meet the requests from non-EU p-members. It contains requirements, fundamental principles of testing and the marking for high-efficiency particulate air filters with efficiencies from 95 % to 99,999 995 % that can be used for classifying filters in general or for specific use by agreement between users and suppliers.

ISO 29463 (all parts) establishes a procedure for the determination of the efficiency of all filters on the basis of a particle counting method using a liquid (or alternatively a solid) test aerosol, and allows a standardized classification of these filters in terms of their efficiency, both local and overall efficiency, which actually covers most requirements of different applications. The difference between ISO 29463 (all parts) and other national standards lies in the technique used for the determination of the overall efficiency. Instead of mass relationships or total concentrations, this technique is based on particle counting at the most penetrating particle size (MPPS), which is, for micro-glass filter mediums, usually in the range of 0,12 μm to 0,25 μm . This method also allows testing ultra-low-penetration air filters, which was not possible with the previous test methods because of their inadequate sensitivity. For membrane filter media, separate rules apply, and are described in [Annex B](#). Although no equivalent test procedures for testing filters with charged media is prescribed, a method for dealing with these types of filters is described in [Annex C](#). Specific requirements for testing method, frequency, and reporting requirements can be modified by agreement between supplier and customer. For lower-efficiency filters (group H, as described below), alternate leak test methods described in ISO 29463-4:2011, Annex A, can be used by specific agreement between users and suppliers, but only if the use of these other methods is clearly designated in the filter markings as noted in ISO 29463-4:2011, Annex A.

There are differences between ISO 29463 (all parts) and other normative practices common in several countries. For example, many of these rely on total aerosol concentrations rather than individual particles. For information, a brief summary of these methods and their reference standards are provided in [Annex D](#) of this part of ISO 29463.

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Part 5: Test method for filter elements

1 Scope

This part of ISO 29463 specifies the test methods for determining the efficiency of filters at their most penetrating particle size (MPPS). It also gives guidelines for the testing and classification for filters with an MPPS of less than 0,1 μm ([Annex B](#)) and filters using media with (charged) synthetic fibres ([Annex C](#)). It is intended for use in conjunction with ISO 29463-1, ISO 29463-2, ISO 29463-3 and ISO 29463-4.

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.

ISO 5167-1, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*

ISO 16890-4, *Air filters for general ventilation — Part 4: Conditioning method to determine the minimum fractional test efficiency*

ISO 21501-4, *Determination of particle size distribution — Single particle light interaction methods — Part 4: Light scattering airborne particle counter for clean spaces*

ISO 29463-1:2017, *High efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles from air — Part 1: Classification, performance, testing and marking*

ISO 29463-2:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 2: Aerosol production, measuring equipment and particle-counting statistics*

ISO 29463-3, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 3: Testing flat sheet filter media*

ISO 29463-4:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 4: Test method for determining leakage of filter elements-Scan method*

ISO 29464, *Cleaning of air and other gases — Terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 29463-1, ISO 29463-2, ISO 29463-3, ISO 29463-4, ISO 29464 and the following apply.

3.1

sampling duration

time during which the particles in the sampling volume flow are counted (upstream or downstream)

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.153]

ISO/DIS 29463-5:2021(E)**3.2****measuring procedure with fixed sampling probes**

determination of the overall efficiency using fixed sampling probes upstream and downstream of the filter being tested

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.107]

3.3**total particle count method**

particle counting method in which the total number of particles in a certain sample volume is determined without classification according to size

EXAMPLE By using a condensation particle counter.

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.164, modified – Example 2 has been deleted]

3.4**particle counting and sizing method**

particle counting method which allows both the determination of the number of particles and also the classification of the particles according to size

EXAMPLE By using an optical particle counter.

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.123]

3.5**particle concentration method**

method that can determine the total concentration of particles in the aerosol either by multiple particle counting or chemical concentrations

Note 1 to entry: No particle size classification can be determined by this method.

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4 Efficiency test methods**4.1 Reference efficiency test method**

In order to determine the efficiency of the test filter, it is fixed in the test filter mounting assembly and subjected to a test air volume flow corresponding to the nominal volume flow rate. After measuring the pressure drop at the nominal volume flow rate, the filter is purged with clean air and the test aerosol produced by the aerosol generator is mixed with the prepared test air along a mixing section, so that it is spread homogeneously over the cross-section of the duct.

The efficiency is always determined for the MPPS; see ISO 29463-3. The size distribution of the aerosol particles can optionally be measured using a particle size analysis system, for example, a differential mobility particle sizer, DMPS.

The testing can be carried out using either a mono-disperse or poly-disperse test aerosol. When testing with (quasi-) mono-disperse aerosol, the total particle counting method may be used with a condensation particle counter (CPC) or an optical particle counter (OPC; for example a laser particle counter). It shall be ensured that the number median particle diameter corresponds to the MPPS, i.e. the particle diameter at which the filter medium has its minimum efficiency.

When using a poly-disperse aerosol, the particle counting method, e.g. an optical particle counter or DMPS, shall be used, which, in addition to counting the particles, is also able to determine their size

distribution. It shall be ensured that the count median diameter, D_M , of the test aerosol lies in the range given by [Equation \(1\)](#):

$$\frac{S_{MPPS}}{2} > D_M > 1,5 \cdot S_{MPPS} \quad (1)$$

where S_{MPPS} is the most penetrating particle size.

In order to determine the overall efficiency, representative partial flows are extracted on the upstream and downstream sides of the filter element and directed to the attached particle counter via a fixed sampling probe to measure the number of particles. It is necessary to have a mixing section behind the test filter to mix the aerosol homogeneously with the test air over the duct cross-section (see [6.2.4](#)).

4.2 Alternate efficiency test method for groups H and U filters

The standard efficiency test method, as described above, uses downstream mixing and a fixed downstream probe. However, an alternate efficiency test method using scan test equipment with moving probe(s) is provided and described in [Annex A](#).

4.3 Statistical efficiency test method for low efficiency filters — Group E filters

For filters of group E, the overall efficiency shall be determined by one of the statistical test procedures described below and it is not necessary to carry out the test for each single filter element (as is mandatory for filters of groups H and U). The overall efficiency of group E filters shall be determined by averaging the results of the statistical leak test as described below.

A record of the filter data in the form of a type test certificate or alternatively a factory test certificate is required. However, the supplier shall be able to provide documentary evidence to verify the published filter data upon request. This can be done by either:

- a) maintaining a certified quality management system (e.g. ISO 9000), which requires the application of statistically based methods for testing and documenting efficiency for group E filters in accordance with this part of ISO 29463; or
- b) using accepted statistical methods to test all of production lots of filters.

The skip lot procedure as described in ISO 2859-1 or any equivalent alternative method may be used.

The skip lot procedure as described in ISO 2859-1 implies that at the beginning, the test frequency is high and is, in the course of further testing, reduced as the production experience grows and the products produced conform to the target. For example, for the first eight production lots, 100 % of the produced filters are tested. If all the tests are positive, the frequency is reduced to half for the next eight production lots. If all the tests are positive again, the number is reduced by half again, and so on until it is necessary to test only one out of eight lots (e.g. the minimum test frequency). Each time one of the tested filters fails, the test frequency is doubled again. In any case, the number of samples per lot tested shall be greater than three filters.

5 Test filter

The filter element being tested shall show no signs of damage or any other irregularities. The filter element shall be handled carefully and shall be clearly and permanently marked with the following details:

- designation of the filter element;
- upstream side of the filter element.

The temperature of the test filter during the testing shall correspond with that of the test air.

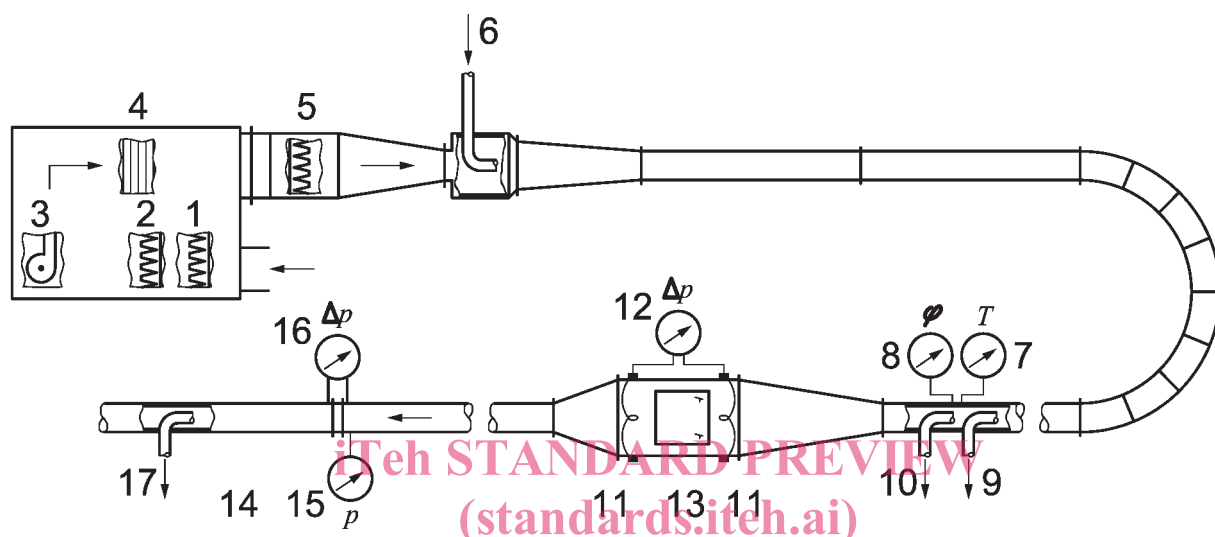
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6 Test apparatus

6.1 General

A flow sheet showing the arrangement of apparatus comprising a test rig is given in ISO 29463-1:2017, Figure 4. An outline diagram of a test rig is given in [Figure 1](#).

The fundamentals of aerosol generation and neutralization with details of suitable types of equipment as well as detailed descriptions of the measuring instruments required for the testing are given in ISO 29463-2.



Key

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| 1 | coarse dust filter | 10 | sampler, upstream |
| 2 | fine dust filter | 11 | ring pipe for differential pressure measurement |
| 3 | fan | 12 | manometer |
| 4 | air heating | 13 | test filter mounting assembly |
| 5 | high-efficiency air filter | 14 | measuring damper (see ISO 5167-1) |
| 6 | aerosol inlet to the test duct | 15 | measurement of absolute pressure |
| 7 | temperature measurement | 16 | manometer measuring differential pressure |
| 8 | hygrometer | 17 | sampler, downstream |
| 9 | sampler, particle size analysis | | |

Figure 1 — Example of a test rig

6.2 Test duct

6.2.1 Test air conditioning

The test air conditioning equipment shall be comprised of the equipment required to control the condition of the test air so that it can be brought in compliance with the requirement of [Clause 7](#).

6.2.2 Adjustment of the volume flow rate

Filters shall always be tested at their nominal air flow rate. It shall be possible to adjust the volume flow rate by means of a suitable provision (e.g. by changing the speed of the fan, or with dampers) to a value $\pm 5\%$ of the nominal flow rate, which shall then remain constant within $\pm 2\%$ throughout each test.