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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 29462:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [subclause 4.2](#) has been modified;
- some editorial corrections have been made.

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## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a test procedure for evaluating the in situ performances of general ventilation filtration devices and systems. Although any filter with a filtration efficiency at or above 99 % or at or below 30 % when measured at 0,4  $\mu\text{m}$  can theoretically be tested using this document, it can be difficult to achieve statically acceptable results for these type of filtration devices.

Supply air to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system contains viable and non-viable particles of a broad size range. Over time these particles cause problems for fans, heat exchangers and other system parts, decreasing their function and increasing energy consumption and maintenance. For health issues, the fine particles ( $< 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ ) are the most detrimental.

Particles in the 0,3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5,0  $\mu\text{m}$  size range are typically measured by particle counters that can determine the concentration of particles in specific size ranges. These instruments are commercially available and determine particle size along with the concentration level by several techniques (e.g. light scattering, electrical mobility separation, or aerodynamic drag). Devices based on light scattering are currently the most convenient and commonly used instruments for this type of measurement and are therefore the type of device used within this document.

Particles in the size range 1,0  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5,0  $\mu\text{m}$  are present in low numbers (less than 1 %, by count) in outdoor and supply air and have higher sampling-system losses. Results in the range  $> 1,0 \mu\text{m}$  therefore have lower accuracy and should be interpreted accordingly.

During in situ measurement conditions, the optical properties of the particles can differ from the optical properties of the particles used for calibrating the particle counter and testing it in the laboratory. Thus the particle counter can size the particles differently but count the overall number of particles correctly.

By adding an extra reference filter, the effect of varying measuring conditions can be reduced. Additionally, using this enhanced test method, the results can be used to correct the measured efficiencies in relation to the efficiency of the reference filter measured in laboratory using a standardized test aerosol.

The results from using the standard method or the enhanced method give both users and manufacturers a better knowledge of actual filter and installation properties.

It is important to note that field measurements generally result in larger uncertainties in the results compared to laboratory measurements. Field measurements can produce uncertainty from temporal and spatial variability in particle concentrations, from limitations on sampling locations due to air handling unit configurations, and from the use of field instrumentation. These factors can result in lower accuracy and precision in the calculated fractional efficiencies compared to laboratory measurements. This document is intended to provide a practical method in which the accuracy and precision of the result are maximized (and the precision of the result quantified) by recommending appropriate sampling locations, sample quantities, and instrumentation. This document is not intended to serve as a filter performance rating method. The results obtained from the test method described in this document do not replace those obtained through tests conducted in the laboratory.

# Field testing of general ventilation filtration devices and systems for in situ removal efficiency by particle size and resistance to airflow

## 1 Scope

This document describes a procedure for measuring the performance of general ventilation air cleaning devices in their end use installed configuration. The performance measurements include removal efficiency by particle size and the resistance to airflow. The test procedures include the definition and reporting of the system airflow.

The procedure describes a method of counting ambient air particles of 0,3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5,0  $\mu\text{m}$  upstream and downstream of the in-place air cleaner(s) in a functioning air handling system. The procedure describes the reduction of particle counter data to calculate removal efficiency by particle size.

Since filter installations vary dramatically in design and shape, a protocol for evaluating the suitability of a site for filter evaluation and for system evaluation is included. When the evaluated site conditions meet the minimum criteria established for system evaluation, the performance evaluation of the system can also be performed according to this procedure.

This document also describes performance specifications for the testing equipment and defines procedures for calculating and reporting the results. This document is not intended for measuring performance of portable or movable room air cleaners or for evaluation of filter installations with an expected filtration efficiency at or above 99 % or at or below 30 % when measured at 0,4  $\mu\text{m}$ .

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

#### 3.1.1

##### **air filter bypass**

proportion of the challenge air stream that passes around an air cleaner without interacting with the air cleaner (test device)

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017; 3.1.3, modified — The preferred terms "bypass" and "sneakage" have been deleted and "(test device)" has been added.]

#### 3.1.2

##### **air velocity**

rate of air movement at the test device

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in m/s (ft/min) to three significant figures.

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[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.1.2, modified — “at the test device” has been added to clarify the location, “fpm” has been changed to “ft/min”.]

**3.1.3****allowable measurable concentration of the particle counter**

fifty percent of the maximum measurable concentration as stated by the manufacturer of the *particle counter* ([3.1.12](#))

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.115]

**3.1.4****coefficient of variation**
 $C_v$ 

standard deviation of a group of measurements divided by the mean

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.31]

**3.1.5****coincidence error**

error which occurs because at a given time more than one particle is contained in the measurement volume of a *particle counter* ([3.1.12](#))

Note 1 to entry: The coincidence error leads to a measured number concentration which is too low and a value for the particle diameter which is too high.

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.32]

**3.1.6****diluter****dilution system**

system for reducing the sampled concentration to avoid *coincidence error* ([3.1.5](#)) in the *particle counter* ([3.1.12](#))

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.46]

**3.1.7****filter efficiency**

fraction or percentage of a challenge contaminant that is removed by a test device

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.1.12, modified — The preferred term “efficiency” has been deleted.]

**3.1.8****filter installation**

filtration devices and systems such as a single filter or a group of filters mounted together with the same inlet and outlet of air

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.85]

**3.1.9****general ventilation**

process of moving air from outside the space, recirculated air, or a combination of these into or about a space or removing it from the space

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.100]

**3.1.10****isoaxial sampling**

sampling in which the flow in the sampler inlet is moving in the same direction as the flow being sampled

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.104]

**3.1.11****isokinetic sampling**

technique for air sampling such that the probe inlet *air velocity* (3.1.2) is the same as the velocity of the air surrounding the sampling point

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.105]

**3.1.12****particle counter**

device for detecting and counting numbers of discrete airborne particles present in a sample of air

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.114]

**3.1.13****particle size range**

defined *particle counter* (3.1.12) channel

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.137]

**3.1.14****reference filter**

dry media-type filter that has been laboratory tested for *removal efficiency by particle size* (3.1.15)

**3.1.15****removal efficiency by particle size****removal efficiency**

ratio of the number of particles retained by the filter to the number of particles measured upstream of the filter for a given particle-size range

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.149, modified — The preferred term "removal efficiency" has been added.]

**3.1.16****resistance to airflow**

difference in absolute (static) pressure between two points in a system

Note 1 to entry: Resistance to airflow is measured in Pa.

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.1.36, modified — The preferred terms "differential pressure", "pressure differential" and "pressure drop" have been deleted.]

**3.1.17****system efficiency**

*removal efficiency* (3.1.15) of a filter system where upstream and downstream particle count measurements may be across several filter banks or other system components

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.163]

**3.1.18****HEPA filter**

filters with performance complying with requirements of filter class ISO 35H to ISO 45H as per ISO 29463-1

[SOURCE: ISO 29464:2017, 3.2.84]

**3.2 Abbreviated terms**

**AHU** air handling unit

**D/S** downstream of test device