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**ISO 23320:2022(E)****Introduction**

This document provides a framework for assessing the performance of procedures for measuring gases and vapours against the general requirements for the performance of procedures for measuring chemical agents in workplace atmospheres as specified in ISO 20581. These performance criteria include maximum values of expanded uncertainty achievable under prescribed laboratory conditions for the methods to be used.

This document enables manufacturers and users of diffusive samplers and developers and users of procedures for measuring gases and vapours to adopt a consistent approach to method validation.

This document is based on EN 838:2010, published by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and is also complementary to ISO 16107.

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# Workplace air — Gases and vapours — Requirements for evaluation of measuring procedures using diffusive samplers

## 1 Scope

This document specifies performance requirements and test methods under prescribed laboratory conditions for the evaluation of diffusive samplers (see Reference [1]) and of procedures using these samplers for the determination of gases and vapours in workplace atmospheres (see Reference [2]).

This document is applicable to diffusive samplers and measuring procedures using these samplers, such as ISO 16200-2 and ISO 16017-2, in which sampling and analysis are carried out in separate stages.

This document is not applicable to

- diffusive samplers which are used for the direct determination of concentrations, and
- diffusive samplers which rely on sorption into a liquid.

This document addresses requirements for method developers and/or manufacturers.

NOTE For the purposes of this document a manufacturer can be any commercial or non-commercial entity.

## 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 20581, *Workplace air — General requirements for the performance of procedures for the measurement of chemical agents*

ISO 22065, *Workplace air — Gases and vapours — Requirements for evaluation of measuring procedures using pumped samplers*

ISO 18158, *Workplace air — Terminology*

ISO 8655-2, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 2: Piston pipettes*

ISO 8655-6, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus — Part 6: Gravimetric methods for the determination of measurement error*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18158 and ISO 20581 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological 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/>

## 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

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NOTE	See 8.4 and Annex C for symbols used in conjunction with uncertainty of measurement only.
$A$	cross-sectional area of sorption surface, in square centimetres (cm <sup>2</sup> )
CRM	certified reference material
$D_a$	diffusion coefficient of an analyte, in square centimetres per minute (cm <sup>2</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$D_{a1}$	diffusion coefficient of analyte 1, in square centimetres per minute (cm <sup>2</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$D_{a2}$	diffusion coefficient of analyte 2, in square centimetres per minute (cm <sup>2</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$l$	length of static air layer in sampler (or equivalent for permeation types), in centimetres (cm)
$m_b$	mass of analyte desorbed from blank sampler, in nanograms (ng)
$m_d$	mass of analyte desorbed, in nanograms (ng)
$m_s$	mass of the analyte which can diffuse to a suitable sorbent within a certain time, i.e. the mass uptake of a diffusive sampler, in nanograms (ng)
$\dot{m}_1$	mass loss from permeation tube, in micrograms per minute (µg · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$M_a$	molar mass of analyte, in grams per mole (g · mol <sup>-1</sup> )
$n$	number of replicate samples
OELV	occupational exposure limit value
$p_{at}$	actual pressure of the test atmosphere sampled, in kilopascals (kPa)
$R$	recovery
$R_{an}$	analytical recovery
RH	relative humidity of the test atmosphere sampled, in percent (%)
$t_e$	exposure time, in minutes (min)
$T_{at}$	temperature of the test atmosphere sampled, in Kelvin (K)
$\dot{U}_d$	uptake rate, in cubic centimetres per minute (cm <sup>3</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$(\dot{U}_d)'$	uptake rate, in nanograms per parts per million (volume fraction) per minute (ng · ppm <sup>-1</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$\dot{U}_{d1}$	uptake rate of analyte 1, in cubic centimetres per minute (cm <sup>3</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$\dot{U}_{d2}$	uptake rate of analyte 2, in cubic centimetres per minute (cm <sup>3</sup> · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$\dot{v}$	flow rate into the exposure chamber, for example, in litres per minute (l · min <sup>-1</sup> )
$\beta_a$	mass concentration of the analyte in the calibration gas mixture, in milligrams per cubic metre (mg · m <sup>-3</sup> )
$(\beta_a)'$	mass concentration in parts per million (ppm);
$\beta_{a1}$	mass concentration of the given analyte at the beginning of the diffusion layer (i.e. at the distance $l$ from the surface of the sorbent), in milligrams per cubic metre (mg · m <sup>-3</sup> )

$\beta_{a2}$	mass concentration of the given analyte at the end of the diffusion layer (i.e. at the surface of the sorbent), in milligrams per cubic metre ( $\text{mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ )
$\bar{\beta}_{a,R}$	mean mass concentration of the analyte recovered from the test gas atmosphere, in milligrams per cubic metre ( $\text{mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ );
$\beta_{cg}$	mass concentration of the calibration gas mixture, in milligrams per cubic metre ( $\text{mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$ )
$\vartheta_{at}$	temperature of the test atmosphere sampled, in degree Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
$K_v$	coefficient of variation (CV)(The predecessor term "relative standard deviation" is deprecated and has been replaced by the term "coefficient of variation". See also ISO 3534-1:2006, 2.38, Note 2.)
$\vartheta_a$	volume fraction of the analyte, in microlitres per litre ( $\mu\text{l} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ )

## 5 Types of samplers

Samplers for gases and vapours can be divided into type A samplers and type B samplers:

Type A samplers rely on sorption onto a solid or onto a support impregnated with a reagent, desorption with solvent, and subsequent analysis of the desorbate. They are usually made of polypropylene or glass and consist of one or more sorbent layers and contain an active sorbent (e.g. activated carbon) or a support impregnated with reagent.

Type B samplers rely on sorption onto a solid or onto a support impregnated with a reagent, thermal desorption, and analysis of the desorbate. They are usually made of glass or metal, are sealed with removable fittings and consist of one or more beds of sorbent (e.g. porous polymer resin).

## 6 Requirements

### 6.1 General

Some requirements (see [6.2](#)) shall be initially verified by the manufacturer once for each type of sampler. Other requirements (see [6.3](#)) shall be verified for each combination sampler/chemical agent.

Measuring procedures shall meet the requirements for measuring procedures specified in [6.3](#). When use of a sampler for measurement of a particular gas or vapour is claimed, the sampler shall meet the requirements specified in [6.2](#).

NOTE 1 No useful performance requirements can be given for the effect of interferents (with the exception of relative humidity). The effect of interferents is difficult to predict for a non-ideal sorbent without adsorption isotherm data on mixed systems which is normally unavailable. However, the user of diffusive samplers is cautioned that the adsorption of water vapour on certain sorbents, e.g. activated carbon and silica gel, can have a large effect on sampler capacity and analytical recovery.

NOTE 2 Because of the known effect of pressure on diffusion coefficients, a pressure test is not necessary.

### 6.2 Sampler requirements

#### 6.2.1 Nominal uptake rate

The nominal uptake rate and the coefficient of variation shall be provided by the manufacturer in accordance with [8.2.1](#) and [Annex A](#).

#### 6.2.2 Air velocity/sampler orientation

The manufacturer shall test the working range of air velocity and the influence of sampler orientation in accordance with [8.2.2](#).