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processes — Equipment for capture  
and separation of welding fume —**

**Part 4:  
Determination of the minimum air  
volume flow rate of capture devices**

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## Introduction

Welding and allied processes generate fume and gases, which, if inhaled, can be harmful to human health. Control is often required to maintain exposure at acceptable levels and this can be achieved by capturing the fume and gases using local exhaust ventilation.

For a particular capture device, the air velocity to capture welding fume can only be achieved by applying a minimum air volume flow rate. Consequently, capture devices need to be used with exhaust systems that provide, at least, the minimum air volume flow rate.

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