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# Cleaning of air and other gases — Terminology

## 1 Scope

This document establishes a terminology for the air filtration industry and comprises terms and definitions only.

This document is applicable to particulate matter and gas phase air filters and air cleaners used for the general ventilation of inhabited enclosed spaces. It is also applicable to air inlet filters for static or seaborne rotary machines and UV-C germicidal devices.

It is not applicable to cabin filters for road vehicles or air inlet filters for mobile internal combustion engines for which separate arrangements exist. Dust separators for the purpose of air pollution control are also excluded.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and definitions 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 General, applicable to both particle and gas-phase air cleaners

#### 3.1.1

##### **air cleaner**

device for removing *contaminants* (3.1.12) from air in a ventilation system, building or other enclosed space

#### 3.1.2

##### **robotic air cleaner**

**air cleaner** that operates and changes its physical location autonomously without user intervention

Note 1 to entry: The **robotic air cleaner** can consist of a part that houses the air cleaning function and can have a docking station and/or other accessories to assist its operation.

[SOURCE: IEC 63086-1:2020]

#### 3.1.3

##### **fresh-air air cleaner**

**air cleaner** connected to the external environment, which provides pollutant-reduced outdoor air into an indoor space

Note 1 to entry: The **fresh-air air cleaner** can also include other auxiliary functions, such as heat exchange.

[SOURCE: IEC 63086-1:2020]

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## 3.1.4

**air velocity**

rate of air movement

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed in m/s (fpm).

## 3.1.5

**bypass****air cleaner bypass****sneakage**

proportion of the *challenge air stream* (3.5.13) that passes around or through an *air cleaner* (3.1.1) without interacting with the air cleaner

## 3.1.6

**calibrate**

to compare readings from the instrument to be calibrated with those from a reference device

## 3.1.7

**capture**

removal of contaminants from an air stream

## 3.1.8

**classification**

allocation of air cleaners into groups and classes according to relevant aspects of their air cleaning performance

## 3.1.9

**clean side**

downstream side of an air cleaner element

[SOURCE: ISO 22031:2021]

## 3.1.10

**combination product**

**air cleaner** that includes a secondary function besides air cleaning within the same housing, such as humidifying, dehumidifying, heating, or air conditioning

[SOURCE: IEC 63086-1:2020]

## 3.1.11

**concentration**

quantity of one substance dispersed in a defined amount of another

## 3.1.12

**contaminant****pollutant**

substance (solid, liquid or gas) that negatively affects the intended use of a gas

## 3.1.13

**contamination****pollution**

presence of a substance that negatively affects the intended use of a gas

## 3.1.14

**decontamination factor**

ratio of the *contaminant* (3.1.12) concentration or particle number upstream of an air cleaner to the contaminant *concentration* (3.1.11) or particle number downstream of the air cleaner

Note 1 to entry: The decontamination factor can also be expressed as  $1/(1 - \text{overall efficiency})$  or as  $1/\text{penetration}$ .



**3.1.15****dirty side**

upstream side of an air cleaner element

[SOURCE: ISO 22031:2021]

**3.1.16****downstream**

area or region into which air flows on leaving an air cleaner

**3.1.17****removal efficiency****air cleaner removal efficiency****filter removal efficiency**

fraction or percentage of a challenge *contaminant* ([3.1.12](#)) that is removed by an air cleaner

**3.1.18****average removal efficiency**

value of removal efficiency which results from averaging the removal efficiencies determined over a number of discrete intervals up to the end of an efficiency test

**3.1.19****effluent**

gas or liquid discharged from a given source into the external environment

Note 1 to entry: This is a general term describing any gas or liquid discharged from a given source; in this context, the discharged liquid or gas may contain associated gaseous, liquid and/or particulate *contaminants* ([3.1.12](#)).

**3.1.20****face velocity****filter face velocity****air cleaner face velocity**

volumetric air flow rate divided by the *nominal air cleaner face area* ([3.1.23](#))

Note 1 to entry: air cleaner face velocity is expressed in m/s (fpm).

**3.1.21****filter****air filter**

device for separating solid or liquid particles or gaseous *contaminant* ([3.1.12](#)) from an air stream passing through the device

Note 1 to entry: The device is generally formed of a layer or layers of porous, fibrous or granular material.

Note 2 to entry: Air being cleaned by a filter must pass through the filter, whereas an *air cleaner* ([3.1.1](#)) can reduce air *contamination* ([3.1.13](#)) by any method.

**3.1.22****filter face area****air cleaner face area**

cross-sectional face area of the air cleaner through which air flows into the device calculated using exact dimensions

**3.1.23****nominal filter face area****nominal air cleaner face area**

cross-sectional face area of the air cleaner through which air flows into the device calculated using dimensions rounded up to the nearest integer

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## 3.1.24

**filter insert**

replaceable part of a filter which contains the filter medium but which can only operate mounted inside a frame

## 3.1.25

**filter medium**

material separating contaminants from air and characterized by its separating structure and its structural and/or textile-technological characteristics

## 3.1.26

**filter medium area**

area of *filter medium* (3.1.25) contained in the filter

Note 1 to entry: For filters with pleats or folds, the filter medium area may be much larger than the *filter face area* (3.1.22).

## 3.1.27

**effective filter medium area****effective filtering area****exposed filter area**

area of the *filter medium* (3.1.25) contained in the filter through which air passes during operation

Note 1 to entry: This excludes areas covered by sealant, spacers, struts, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Effective filter medium area is expressed in m<sup>2</sup>(ft<sup>2</sup>).

## 3.1.28

**filter medium velocity****media velocity****medium velocity**

volumetric air flow rate divided by the *effective filter medium area* (3.1.27) of the *filter*

Note 1 to entry: Filter medium velocity is expressed in m/s (fpm).

Note 2 to entry: In devices where the filter medium surface area has been increased by use of pleats, folds or bags, the filter medium velocity may be much less than the *filter face velocity* (3.1.20).

## 3.1.29

**flow rate****air flow rate**

volume of air flowing through an air cleaner per unit time

## 3.1.30

**design flow rate****design air flow rate**

air flow rate specified by the manufacturer

## 3.1.31

**user air flow rate****user volume air flow rate**

volume air flow rate specified by the user, at which an air cleaner is used or tested *in situ*

Note 1 to entry: This flow rate may be different from the one specified by the manufacturer.

[SOURCE: ISO 16170:2016]

**3.1.32****air flow rate, test  
test air flow rate  
test flow****test flow rate****test volume flow rate**

air flow rate used for testing

Note 1 to entry: The flow rate is usually expressed in volumetric units (m<sup>3</sup>/h (cfm)).

Note 2 to entry: Test flow rate may differ from the manufacturer's specified flow through the air cleaner.

**3.1.33****rated flow**

flow rate through an air cleaner, either as stated by the manufacturer for defined conditions of use or as agreed between the interested parties for a particular installation

Note 1 to entry: The manufacturer's rated flow may differ from the *test air flow rate* (3.1.32).

**3.1.34****gas**

substance whose vapour pressure is greater than the *ambient pressure* (3.5.52) at ambient temperature

**3.1.35****header frame**

integral rigid frame of an air cleaner with a flange extending beyond the dimensions of the frame walls, enabling it to be fastened and sealed against the *holding frame* (3.1.36)

**3.1.36****holding frame**

rigid structural frame, part of an air handling system into which an air cleaner is fastened and sealed

**3.1.37****housing**

device used to hold an air cleaner

**3.1.38****hood**

inlet device for an air extraction system

**3.1.39****integrity test**

in-situ test procedure for quantifying the unfiltered leakage of the system

[SOURCE: ISO 16170:2016]

**3.1.40****leak**

point in a filter at which the local penetration exceeds a given value

**3.1.41****penetration  
breakthrough**

ratio of contaminant concentration downstream of an air cleaner to the upstream (challenge) *concentration* (3.1.11)

Note 1 to entry: Sometimes expressed as a percentage.

Note 2 to entry: Penetration (*P*) is related to removal efficiency (*E*) by the expression:  $E = (1 - P) \times 100 \%$ .

Note 3 to entry: Penetration is related to the *decontamination factor* (*DF*) (3.1.14) by the expression:  $DF = 1/\text{penetration}$ .

**ISO/DIS 29464:2023(E)****3.1.42****reference device**

primary device possessing accurately known parameters used as a standard for calibrating secondary devices

Note 1 to entry: Reference particle filters are laboratory tested for *removal efficiency by particle size* ([3.2.142](#)) and/or resistance to air flow.

**3.1.43****resistance to air flow****differential pressure****pressure differential****pressure drop**

difference in absolute (static) pressure between two points in an air flow system

Note 1 to entry: Resistance to air flow is expressed in Pa (inches of water).

**3.1.44****test air**

air being used for testing purposes

**3.1.45****test device****device under test****DUT**

air cleaner that is being subjected to performance testing

**3.1.46****upstream**

area or region from which air flows as it enters an air cleaner

**3.1.47****washer**

*dust separator* ([3.2.153](#)), *droplet separator* ([3.2.152](#)) or *gas purifier* ([3.5.40](#)) that depends on a liquid acting as a collecting medium for its operation

**3.2 Particulate matter filters (including general ventilation, EPA, HEPA and ULPA filters)****3.2.1****aerosol**

solid or liquid particles suspended in a gas

Note 1 to entry: Based on EU and EPA information, atmospheric aerosol is divided into four size categories: the ultrafine range  $x < 0,1 \mu\text{m}$ , the fine range  $0,1 \mu\text{m} \leq x \leq 2,5 \mu\text{m}$ , the coarse range  $2,5 \mu\text{m} < x \leq 10 \mu\text{m}$ , and the large coarse range  $x > 10 \mu\text{m}$ , whereby  $x$  is the *particle diameter* ([3.2.107](#)).

**3.2.2****liquid phase aerosol**

liquid particles suspended in a gas

**3.2.3****monodisperse aerosol**

aerosol, the width of whose distribution function, described by the geometric standard deviation  $\sigma_g$ , is less than  $1,15 \mu\text{m}$

**3.2.4****aerosol neutralisation**

action of bringing the aerosol to a Boltzmann charge equilibrium distribution with bipolar ions

Note 1 to entry: Neutralization should not be confused with discharging.

**3.2.5****aerosol photometer**

instrument that measures the light-scattering properties of an aerosol sample

**3.2.6****polydisperse aerosol**

aerosol, the width of whose distribution function, described by the geometric standard deviation  $\sigma_g$ , exceeds 1,5  $\mu\text{m}$

**3.2.7****quasi-monodisperse aerosol**

aerosol, the width of whose distribution function, described by the geometric standard deviation  $\sigma_g$ , is between 1,15  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1,5  $\mu\text{m}$

**3.2.8****reference aerosol**

defined approved aerosol for test measurement within a specific size range

**3.2.9****solid phase aerosol**

solid particles suspended in a gas

**3.2.10****test aerosol**

aerosol used for determining the particle removal efficiency performance of the device being tested or for calibrating particle measurement devices

**3.2.11****agglomerate**

collection of solid particles adhering to each other

**3.2.12****agglomeration**

action leading to the formation of *agglomerates* ([3.2.11](#))

**3.2.13****agglutination**

action of joining, by *impact* ([3.2.86](#)), solid particles coated with a thin adhesive layer or of trapping solid particles by impact on a surface coated with adhesive

**3.2.14****aggregate**

relatively stable assembly of dry particles, formed under the influence of physical forces

**3.2.15****arrestance****gravimetric arrestance**

measure of the ability of a filter to remove a standard test dust from the air passing through it under given operating conditions

Note 1 to entry: This measure is expressed as a mass percentage.

**3.2.16****average arrestance****average gravimetric arrestance**

ratio of the total mass of a standard test dust retained by the filter to the total mass of dust fed up to final test pressure differential

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## 3.2.17

**initial arrestance****initial gravimetric arrestance**

ratio of the mass of a standard test dust retained by the filter to the mass of dust fed after the first increment of dust load

Note 1 to entry: This measure is expressed as a mass percentage.

Note 2 to entry: For example, in ISO 29461-1 or ISO 16890-3 procedure.

## 3.2.18

**ash**

solid residue of effectively complete combustion

## 3.2.19

**fly ash**

ash entrained by combustion gases

## 3.2.20

**bioaerosol**

particles of biological origin with an aerodynamic diameter of up to 100 µm suspended in a gaseous medium

Note 1 to entry: Bioaerosol particles include viruses, bacteria, fungi, pollen, plant debris, fragments of these and their derivatives such as endotoxins, glucans, allergens and mycotoxins.

## 3.2.21

**burst pressure**

value of differential pressure across a filter, above which damage/destruction of the *filter medium* (3.1.20) or the structure occurs

## 3.2.22

**calibration particle**

mono-disperse spherical particle with a known mean particle size, e.g. polystyrene latex (PSL) particle traceable to an international standard of length where the standard uncertainty of the mean particle size is equal to or less than  $\pm 2,5\%$

Note 1 to entry: The refractive index of (PSL) calibration particles is close to 1,59 at a wavelength of 589 nm (sodium D line).

## 3.2.23

**dust holding capacity****DHC****dust loading capacity****test dust capacity****TDC**

total mass of loading dust captured by an air-cleaning device up to the final test resistance to air flow

## 3.2.24

**cleaning**

<after clogging> removal of the deposit of solid or liquid particles which has produced clogging

## 3.2.25

**clogging**

deposition, progressive or otherwise, of solid or liquid particles on or within a *filter medium* (3.1.25), causing the flow to be obstructed

**3.2.26****coagulation losses**

particle losses due to collision and adhesion of particles

Note 1 to entry: Coagulation affects the measured particle parameters as follows: the *particle number concentration* (3.2.114) decreases, the particle mass *concentration* (3.1.11) remains the same and the *particle size* (3.2.118) increases.

**3.2.27****coalescence**

action by which liquid particles in *suspension* (3.2.156) unite to form larger particles

**3.2.28****coefficient of variation****CV**

standard deviation of a group of measurements divided by the mean

**3.2.29****coincidence error**

error which occurs because at a given time more than one particle is contained in the measurement volume of a particle counter

Note 1 to entry: The coincidence error leads to a measured number *concentration* (3.1.11) which is too low and a value for the *particle diameter* (3.2.107) which is too high.

**3.2.30****correlation ratio**

measure of bias between the upstream and downstream sampling systems

Note 1 to entry: This is expressed as the downstream particle concentration divided by the upstream particle concentration measured without filter in place.

**3.2.31****counting efficiency**

ratio of detected number *concentration* (3.1.11) of particles to the real number concentration of particles in a given size or range of sizes

Note 1 to entry: This is usually expressed as a percentage

Note 2 to entry: The counting efficiency depends on the *particle size* (3.2.118) and decreases progressively in the proximity of the lower detection limit of the particle counter.

**3.2.32****counting rate**

number of counting events per unit time

**3.2.33****cyclone**

*dust separator* (3.2.153) or *droplet separator* (3.2.152) utilizing essentially the centrifugal force derived from the motion of the gas

**3.2.34****DiEthylHexylSebacate****DEHS**

liquid used for generating the DEHS *test aerosol* (3.2.10)

**3.2.35****equivalent diameter**

diameter of a spherical particle which will give behaviour equivalent to that of the particle being examined