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engines — Exhaust emission  
measurement —**

Part 3:

**Test procedures for measurement of  
exhaust gas smoke emissions from  
compression ignition engines using a  
filter type smoke meter**

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 70, *Internal combustion engines*, Subcommittee SC 8, *Exhaust gas emission measurement*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8178-3:1994), which has been technically revised.

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

- smoke measurement by an opacimeter has been removed; this will be handled in ISO 8178-9;
- definitions of exhaust gas components related to exhaust gas smoke has been added.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 10054.

A list of all parts in the ISO 8178 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

There exist several measurement methods to determine the components of smoke emissions. Each method is measuring special properties of smoke. Therefore, the results obtained with different methods are typically not comparable among each other.

The objective of this document is to give a guidance for measurement of soot with a filter type smoke meter, knowing about the different components of the smoke of compression ignition engines and their particular properties.

An overview of the measurement methods specified by ISO 8178-1, ISO 8178-3, ISO 8178-9 and ISO 9096 is given in [Annex B](#).

Correlation formulae to calculate the mass concentration of black carbon out of the filter smoke number (FSN) are given in [Annex C](#).

The characteristics required for filter-type-smoke meters are defined in ISO 10054.

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