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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 6182-1:2014) which has been technically revised.

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

— Consolidation of the requirements for early suppression fast response (ESFR) sprinklers (ISO 6182-7:2020), domestic sprinklers (ISO 6182-10:2014) and extended coverage sprinklers (ISO 6182-13:2017) into a single document.

— Increased harmonization of test methods and requirements for the different types of sprinklers.

— Expanded scope to include extended coverage sprinklers for ordinary hazard occupancies and large K-factor storage type sprinklers.

— New water distribution and fire test methods as well as requirements for the additional sprinkler technologies.

— New requirements for electrically operated style sprinklers.

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Introduction

This document includes requirements for conventional, spray, flat spray, sidewall, extended coverage, domestic and storage sprinklers, including early suppression fast response (ESFR) sprinklers, electrically activated sprinklers (EAS) and sprinklers with monitoring of activation (SMA).

Conventional sprinklers are the oldest of the fire sprinkler technologies. These sprinklers discharge water in a spherical discharge pattern such that 40 % to 60 % of the total water flow is initially discharged in the downward direction. In general, the use of this sprinkler technology is limited to applications where this discharge characteristic has been determined to be more effective than the spray sprinkler.

Spray sprinklers were developed in the 1950s and are used to provide fire protection for a wide range of fire risks, including those found in light hazard, ordinary hazard and extra hazard occupancies, as well as storage facilities.

Flat spray sprinklers have a wider spray angle than spray sprinklers and are generally limited to use in spaces with low clearances and storage racks in specific geographic regions.

Domestic sprinklers are intended to provide control of fires in domestic occupancies, to prevent flashover (total involvement) in the room of fire origin and to improve the probability for successful escape or evacuation of the occupants.

Extended coverage light hazard sprinklers are intended to provide control of fires in occupancies or portions of occupancies where quantity and/or combustibility of contents is low, such as office spaces.

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Extended coverage ordinary hazard sprinklers are intended to provide control of fires in occupancies or portions of occupancies where quantity and/or combustibility of contents is moderate to high, such as mercantile areas.

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Storage sprinklers, including ESFR sprinklers, are primarily intended to be used to provide fire protection for storage facilities.

Electrically activated sprinklers make it possible to activate more than one sprinkler simultaneously.

Sprinklers with monitoring of activation make it possible to detect the location of an actuated sprinkler.

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Fire protection — Automatic sprinkler systems —

Part 1: Requirements and test methods for sprinklers

1 Scope

This document specifies performance and marking requirements and test methods for conventional, spray, flat spray, sidewall, extended coverage, domestic and storage sprinklers, including early suppression fast response (ESFR), electrically activated sprinklers (EAS) and sprinklers with monitoring of activation (SMA) for use in water-based fire protection systems. This document is not applicable to sprinklers with multiple orifices.

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.

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ISO 7-1, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads — Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

ISO 5660-1, *Reaction-to-fire tests — Heat release, smoke production and mass loss rate — Part 1: Heat release rate (cone calorimeter method) and smoke production rate (dynamic measurement)*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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 http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1 General

3.1.1
actual delivered density
ADD
rate at which water is deposited from an operating *sprinkler* (3.1.13) onto the top horizontal surface of a simulated burning combustible array

3.1.2
assembly load
force exerted on the sprinkler body excluding hydrostatic pressure

3.1.3
average design strength
glass bulb supplier's specified and assured lowest average axial design strength of any batch of 50 bulbs

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3.1.4
coverage length
maximum length of the sprinkler coverage area

3.1.5
coverage width
maximum width of the sprinkler coverage area

3.1.6
design load
force exerted on the release element at the *service load* (3.1.12) of the *sprinkler* (3.1.13)

3.1.7
housing assembly
escutcheon
ornamental or protective component(s) around the hole from which the *sprinkler* (3.1.13) penetrates the plane of the ceiling or the wall

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 3.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, housing applies to recessed and *concealed sprinklers* (3.5.2).

3.1.8
orientation A
orientation with the airflow perpendicular to both the waterway axis and the plane of the frame arms and with the heat responsive element upstream of the frame arms

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

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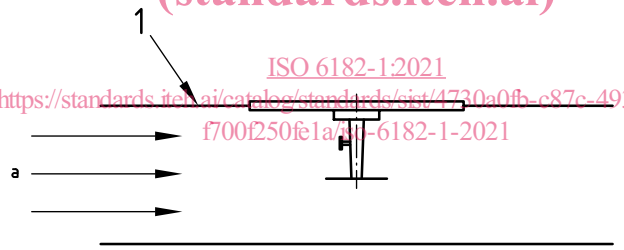

Key

1 tunnel test section (elevation view)

a Airflow.

Figure 1 — Orientation A

3.1.9
orientation B
orientation with the airflow perpendicular to both the waterway axis and the plane of the frame arms and with the heat responsive element downstream of the frame arms

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 2.

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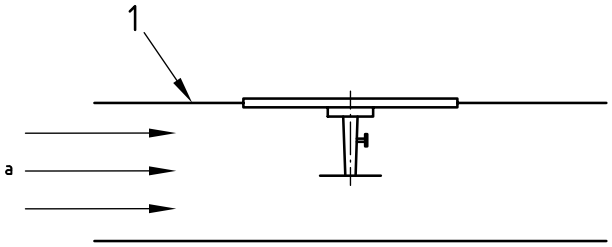

Key

1 tunnel test section (elevation view)

[a] Airflow.

Figure 2 — Orientation B

3.1.10
protective covers
protective caps or straps intended to provide temporary protection for *sprinklers* (3.1.13) during shipping, handling and installation

3.1.11
response time index
RTI
measure of sprinkler sensitivity determined by Formula (1)

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$$RTI = t\sqrt{u} \quad (1)$$

where

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t is equal to the time constant, in seconds, of the heat-responsive element;

u is the gas velocity, in meters per second.

Note 1 to entry: The response time index is expressed in units of $(m \cdot s)^{0,5}$.

3.1.12
service load
combined force exerted on the sprinkler body by the *assembly load* (3.1.2) of the *sprinkler* (3.1.13) and the equivalent force of the rated pressure on the inlet

3.1.13
sprinkler
thermosensitive device designed to react at a predetermined temperature by automatically releasing a stream of water and distributing it in a specified pattern and quantity over a designated area

Note 1 to entry: These devices may sometimes be referred to as a sprinkler head.

3.1.14
standard orientation
orientation that produces the shortest response time with the axis of the sprinkler inlet perpendicular to the airflow

Note 1 to entry: In the case of symmetrical heat-responsive elements, standard orientation is with the airflow perpendicular to both the axis of the waterway and the plane of the frame arms; in the case of non-symmetrical heat-responsive elements, it is with the airflow perpendicular to both the waterway axis and the plane of the frame arms which produces the shortest response time.

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3.2 Types of sprinklers according to type of responsive element

3.2.1
electrically activated sprinkler
EAS
sprinkler (3.1.13) that is equipped with an integral means of activation using electricity

3.2.2
sprinklers with monitoring of activation
SMA
sprinkler (3.1.13) that is equipped with an integral means of monitoring of activation using electricity

3.2.3
electrically activated sprinkler with monitoring of activation
EAS-M
sprinkler (3.1.13) that is equipped with an integral means of activation using electricity and monitoring of activation

3.2.4
fusible element sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) that opens under the influence of heat by the melting of a component

3.2.5
glass bulb sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) that opens under the influence of heat by the bursting of the glass bulb through pressure resulting from expansion of the fluid enclosed therein

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3.3 Types of sprinklers according to type of water distribution

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3.3.1
conventional sprinkler
C
sprinkler (3.1.13) giving spherical water distribution directed downward and at the ceiling for a definite protection area such that 40 % to 60 % of the total water flow is initially directed downward

3.3.2
flat spray sprinkler
F
sprinkler (3.1.13) giving water distribution directed downward for a definite protection area such that 85 % to 100 % of the total water flow is initially directed downward with a wider spray angle than expected with a *spray sprinkler* (3.3.3)

Note 1 to entry: This type of sprinkler is used in storage racks and other shallow areas in some countries.

3.3.3
spray sprinkler
S
sprinkler (3.1.13) giving paraboloid water distribution directed downward for a definite protection area such that 80 % to 100 % of the total water flow is initially directed downward

3.3.4
domestic sprinkler
D
sprinkler (3.1.13) intended to provide control of fire in domestic occupancies

3.3.5
extended coverage sprinkler
EC
sprinkler (3.1.13) with a specified area of coverage which is larger than the standard sprinkler coverage areas

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3.3.5.1
extended coverage light hazard sprinkler
ECLH
sprinkler (3.1.13) having a specified area of coverage which is larger than the standard sprinkler coverage areas and intended for use in occupancies or portions of occupancies where the quantity and/or combustibility of contents is low, such as office spaces

3.3.5.2
extended coverage ordinary hazard sprinkler
ECOH
sprinkler (3.1.13) having a specified area of coverage which is larger than the standard sprinkler coverage areas and intended for use in occupancies or portions of occupancies where the quantity and/or combustibility of contents is moderate to high

3.3.5.3
extended coverage storage sprinkler
ECSS
sprinkler (3.1.13) having a specified area of coverage which is larger than the standard sprinkler coverage areas and intended to protect stockpiles of commodities in building structures, such as storage facilities

3.3.6
standard coverage storage sprinkler
SCSS
sprinkler (3.1.13) having a standard area of coverage (typically 9 m^2 maximum) and intended to protect stockpiles of commodities in building structures, such as storage facilities

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3.3.7
early suppression fast response automatic sprinkler
ESFR
sprinkler (3.1.13) that is intended to provide early suppression of a fire when protecting stockpiles of commodities in building structures such as storage facilities

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3.4 Types of sprinklers according to position

3.4.1
horizontal sidewall sprinkler
H
sprinkler (3.1.13) arranged such that the orifice directs the water stream horizontally towards the deflector giving a one-sided distribution pattern

3.4.2
pendent sprinkler
P
sprinkler (3.1.13) arranged such that the orifice directs the water stream downwards towards the deflector

3.4.3
vertical sidewall sprinkler
W
sprinkler (3.1.13) arranged such that the orifice directs the water stream upwards or downwards towards the deflector giving a one-sided water distribution

3.4.4
upright sprinkler
U
sprinkler (3.1.13) arranged such that the orifice directs the water stream upwards towards the deflector

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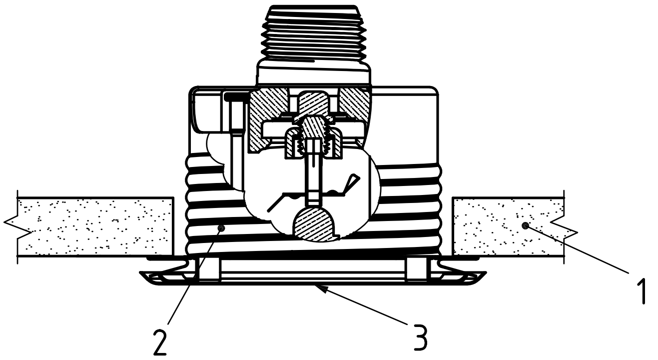
3.5 Special types of sprinklers

3.5.1
coated sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) that has a factory-applied coating for corrosion protection

Note 1 to entry: For this document coated sprinkler does not include coatings intended for aesthetic purposes.

3.5.2
concealed sprinkler
recessed sprinkler (3.5.6) having a cover plate

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 3 a).



a) Concealed sprinkler

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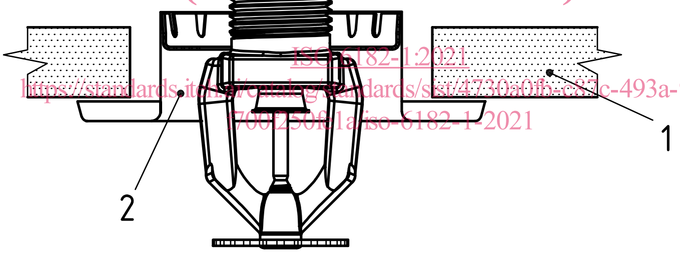
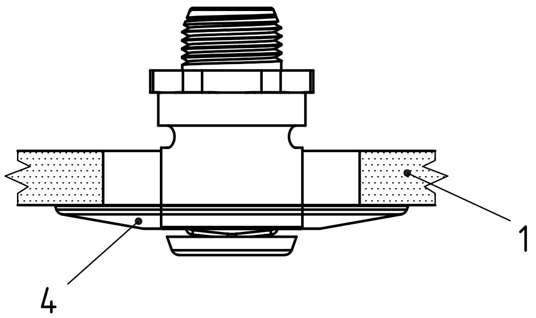


b) Recessed sprinkler



c) Flush sprinkler

Key

1 ceiling

2 housing assembly

3 cover plate

4 escutcheon

Figure 3 — Flush, concealed, and recessed sprinklers

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3.5.3
dry sprinkler
assembly comprising of a *sprinkler* (3.1.13) mounted at the outlet of a special extension with a seal at the inlet that prevents water from entering the extension until it is released by operation of the sprinkler

Note 1 to entry: These sprinklers may consist of pendent, upright, sidewall and other types.

3.5.4
flush sprinkler
for *pendent sprinklers* (3.4.2), all or part of the body is mounted above the lower plane of the ceiling, but all of the heat-responsive collector is below the lower plane of the ceiling; for sidewall sprinklers, the sprinkler is within the wall, but the heat-responsive collector projects into the room beyond the plane of the wall

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 3 c).

Note 2 to entry: These are not typically frame arm sprinklers.

[SOURCE: ISO 6182-1:2014, 3.5.4, modified — Notes to entry added]

3.5.5
multiple orifice sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) having two or more outlet orifices arranged to distribute the water discharge in a specified pattern and quantity for a definite protection area

Note 1 to entry: Multiple orifice sprinklers are not included in the scope of this document.

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3.5.6
recessed sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) of which all or part of the body, other than the thread, is mounted within a recessed housing

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Note 1 to entry: See Figure 3 b).

3.5.7
sprinkler with water shield
sprinkler (3.1.13), intended for use in racks or beneath open grating, which is provided with a water shield mounted above the heat-responsive element to protect it from water discharged by sprinklers at higher elevations

Note 1 to entry: Sprinklers with water shields may be a single unit that is assembled by the manufacturer or a combination of sprinkler and water shield (which in some countries are evaluated separately from the sprinkler approval) assembled on site.

3.6 Types of sprinklers according to sprinkler sensitivity

3.6.1
fast-response sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) with a *response time index* (3.1.11) (RTI) ≤ 50 $(m \cdot s)^{0,5}$ as determined in 6.18 or for *flush* (3.5.4), *concealed* (3.5.2) and *recessed sprinklers* (3.5.6), a maximum response time as determined in 6.19

3.6.2
special-response sprinkler
sprinkler (3.1.13) with an average *response time index (RTI)* (3.1.11) of between 50 $(m \cdot s)^{0,5}$ and 80 $(m \cdot s)^{0,5}$

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