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**Fans — Efficiency classification for  
fans —**

**Part 1:  
General requirements**

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The last decade has seen an escalation in the price and an increasing recognition of the finite life of many of the fossil fuels currently used. This has led to many nations reviewing methods of energy generation and usage.

To maintain economic growth there is therefore a need to promote energy efficiency. This requires better selection of equipment by users and thus better design of this equipment by manufacturers.

Fans of all types are used for ventilation, air conditioning, process engineering – drying, pneumatic conveying – combustion air supply and agriculture. The energy use of fans is thought to be in the region of 10 % to 15 % of the global electricity usage.

The fan industry is global in nature, with a considerable degree of exporting and licensing. To ensure that the definitive fan performance characteristics are common throughout the world, a series of standards has been developed.

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# Fans — Efficiency classification for fans —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This document deals with the classification of fan power consumption and efficiency for many fan types given in the ISO12759 series. In addition, it details specific application efficiency classification information. These procedures are described in ISO 12759-3, ISO 12759-4, ISO 12759-5 and ISO 12759-6.

This document does not describe a method to compare these classifications and minimum efficiency limits (MELs).

This document applies to the fans, not to the system in which they are installed.

Air curtains are excluded from this standard.

### 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 5801, *Fans — Performance testing using standardized airways*

ISO 13348, *Industrial fans — Tolerances, methods of conversion and technical data presentation*

ISO 13349-1, *Fans — Vocabulary and definitions of categories — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 13349-2, *Fans — Vocabulary and definitions of categories. Part 2: Categories*

ISO 13350, *Fans — Performance testing of jet fans*

ANSI/AMCA Standard 230-23, *Laboratory Methods of Testing Air Circulating Fans for Rating and Certification*

ANSI/AMCA Standard 260-20, *Laboratory Methods of Testing Induced Flow Fans for Rating*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5801, ISO 13349-1 and ISO 13349-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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/>

### 3.1

#### **fan**

rotary bladed machine that receives mechanical energy and utilizes it by means of one or more impellers fitted with blades to maintain a continuous flow of air or other gas passing through it and whose work per unit mass does not normally exceed 25 kJ/kg

Note 1 to entry: The term “fan” is taken to mean the fan as supplied, without any addition to the inlet or outlet, except where such addition is specified.

Note 2 to entry: Fans are defined according to their installation category, function, fluid path and operating conditions.

Note 3 to entry: If the work per unit mass exceeds a value of 25 kJ/kg, the machine is termed a turbo-compressor. This means that, for a mean stagnation density through the fan of  $1,2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , the fan pressure does not exceed  $1,2 \times 25 \text{ kJ/kg}$ , i.e. 30 kPa, and the pressure ratio does not exceed 1,30, since atmospheric pressure is approximately 100 kPa.

### 3.2

#### **fan without drives**

fan without a motor, a drive, an attachment or accessories

Note 1 to entry: Also known as a bare shaft fan.

[SOURCE: ISO 12759-3:2019, 3.4]

### 3.3

#### **driven fan**

fan driven by an electrical motor.

Note 1 to entry: One or more impellers fitted to or connected to a motor with a stationary element, with or without transmission or variable speed drive (VSD).

[SOURCE: ISO 13349-1:2022, 3.1.3]

### 3.4

#### **impeller**

rotating part of the fan that is imparting energy into the gas flow

### 3.5

#### **stationary element**

stationary part which interacts with the air stream passing through the impeller,

Note 1 to entry: It is an element, or a combination of elements, that interacts with the airstream directing and/or guiding the gas stream towards, through and/or from the impeller, an element may also assist in the conversion of energy

EXAMPLE Housing, orifice ring, orifice panel, inlet bell (also known as venturi), inlet cone, inlet radius, inlet ring, inlet guide vane, outlet guide vane, outlet diffuser, nozzle.

Note 2 to entry: In some standards a stationary element is called a stator.

### 3.6

#### **housing**

stationary part which interacts with the air stream passing through the impeller

Note 1 to entry: A housing can be an element around the impeller which guides the gas stream towards, through and from the impeller.

Note 2 to entry: A housing can have additional parts included within or attached to it that affect the performance of the fan, such as inlet bell (also known as venturi), inlet cone, inlet radius, inlet ring, inlet guide vane, outlet guide vane or outlet diffuser.



**3.7****inlet guide vane**

vane positioned before the impeller to guide the gas stream towards the impeller

Note 1 to entry: The inlet guide vane can be adjustable.

**3.8****outlet guide vane**

vane positioned after the impeller to reduce the swirl from the impeller

Note 1 to entry: The outlet guide vane can be adjustable.

**3.9****orifice ring**

ring with an opening in which the fan sits and which allows the fan to be fixed to other structures

Note 1 to entry: An orifice is a plain hole in the physical partition (e.g. orifice panel) between the upstream and downstream airflow of the fan. It is a divide between the negative pressure and positive pressure areas that occur across the fan when there is a pressure difference between the fan inlet and fan outlet.

**3.10****orifice panel**

panel with an opening in which the fan sits and which allows the fan to be fixed to other structures

**3.11****diffuser**

device that improves the fan performance through static recovery

**3.12****inlet cone**

device that steers the air into the impeller and reduces the vena contracta and turbulence that can occur at a sharp edge of the housing

Note 1 to entry: Also known as venturi inlet, inlet bell or inlet radius.

**3.13****nozzle**

aperture or ajutage of the fan through which air or gas is discharged

**3.14****fan without housing**

fan designed not to rely upon a housing for its correct operation

Note 1 to entry: Includes at least an impeller and a stationary element, such as an inlet cone.

**3.15****fan with housing**

fan designed to rely upon a housing for its correct operation

**3.16****installation category**

fan test configuration according to the arrangement of standardised test airways

**3.17****installation category A**

installation with free inlet and free outlet with a partition

**3.18****installation category B**

installation with free inlet and ducted outlet

**3.19 installation category C**  
 installation with ducted inlet and free outlet

**3.20 installation category D**  
 installation with ducted inlet and ducted outlet

**3.21 installation category E**  
 installation with free inlet and free outlet without a partition

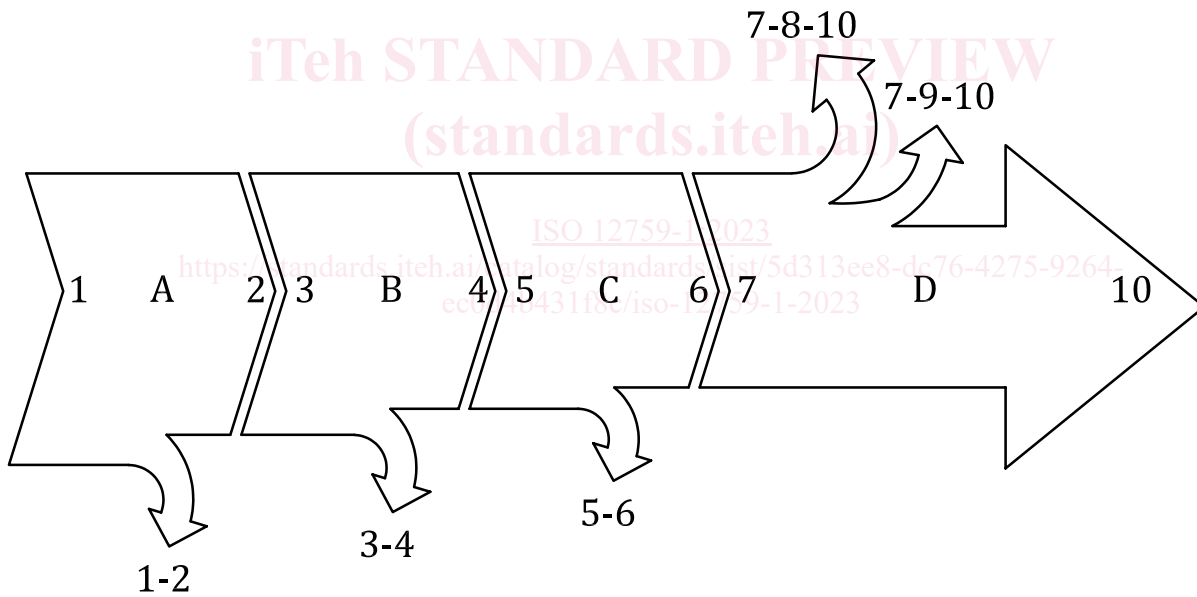
Note 1 to entry: Also known as test configuration category E.

Note 2 to entry: For jet fans, ISO 13350 is used for determining product efficiencies.

Note 3 to entry: In this installation category a fan cannot produce any static pressure rise.

**3.22 power**  
 amount of energy transferred or converted per unit of time

Note 1 to entry: The key in [Figure 1](#) gives a fuller explanation to fan experts and non-fan experts on the losses within a fan system in terms that are understood by relevant industries.



Key	Term	Symbol	Source
A	complete drive module (CDM)		
B	electric motor		
C	mechanical transmission		
D	fan		
1	drive control electrical input power	$P_{ed}$	ISO 5801
	motor controller input power	$P_{ci}$	ISO 12759-2
	input power of the CDM	$P_{in,CDM}$	IEC 61800-9-2

2	motor controller output power	$P_{co}$	ISO 12769-2
	output power of CDM	$P_{out,CDM}$	IEC 61800-9-2
1 – 2	CDM losses		
3	motor input power	$P_e$	ISO 5801
	motor input power	$P_{mi}$	ISO 12759-2
	motor input power	$P_1$	IEC 60034-2-1
4	motor output power	$P_{mo}$	ISO 12759-2
	motor output power	$P_2$	IEC 60034-2-1
3 – 4	Motor losses		
5	transmission input power	$P_{ti}$	ISO 12759-2
6	transmission output power	$P_{to}$	ISO 12759-2
5 – 6	Mechanical transmission losses		
7	fan shaft power	$P_a$	ISO 5801
8	mechanical losses	—	—
7 – 8	bearing losses		
9	aerodynamic losses	—	ISO 5801
10	fan air power	$P_u$	ISO 5801
7 - 9 - 10	fan losses		
7 – 8 -10	fan losses including bearings		
3 – 10	driven fan losses		
1 – 10	driven fan losses including variable speed drive		

**Figure 1 — Power diagram of fan drive system**

### 3.22.1

#### efficiency

ratio between fan air power and a known input power