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The main changes are as follows:

- removed errors and resolve contradictions to the ISO 16119 series which specifies environmental requirements for new sprayers;
- updated the normative references;
- modified the terms and definitions;
- modified requirements on filling high capacity spray-tanks during leak test;
- modified tank filling strainer/filling hole;
- modified tank emptying;
- modified pressure indicators;
- modified diameter analogue pressure indicators;
- modified maximum error flow-meters for controlling the volume/hectare rate;
- modified [Figure 1](#);
- modified dripping;
- modified spray guns and lances;

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— modified pump capacity test.

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Introduction

There are two main reasons for the inspection of sprayers:

- reducing the potential risk of environmental contamination by plant protection products;
- good control of the pest with the minimum possible input of plant protection product.

In order to use plant protection products in agricultural production safely, it is necessary to define the requirements and test methods for sprayers in use. This is a relevant step after having standardized minimum requirements for new sprayers, in respect of safety hazards (see ISO 4254-6) and potential risks of environmental contamination (see ISO 16119 series).

Standardising the requirements and methods for inspection of sprayers in use takes into consideration not only the original performance of the sprayer but also its use, care and maintenance. This is a logical link to ensure the continued benefit arising from the supply of new sprayers of good quality.

The inspection of sprayers in use can be a mandatory requirement or adopted on a voluntary basis. In both cases further requirements, outside the scope of this document, are necessary for the management of inspections. These include, for example, requirements for the competence of persons carrying out inspections and the frequency of inspections.

The terms and definitions for specific sprayers are given in the relevant specific parts.

NOTE National or local regulations concerning the qualifications and competence of inspectors can apply.

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Agricultural and forestry machinery — Inspection of sprayers in use —

Part 4: Fixed and semi-mobile sprayers

1 Scope

This document, when used together with ISO 16122-1:2024, specifies the requirements and test methods for the inspection of fixed and semi-mobile sprayers, when in use.

The requirements relate mainly to the condition of the sprayer with respect to its potential risk for the environment and its performance to achieve good application.

NOTE Requirements for the protection of inspectors during an inspection are given in ISO 16122-1:2024.

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 5681:2020, *Equipment for crop protection — Vocabulary*

ISO 5682-2:2017, *Equipment for crop protection — Spraying equipment — Part 2: Test methods to assess the horizontal transverse distribution for hydraulic sprayers*

ISO 12809:2020, *Crop protection equipment — Reciprocating positive displacement pumps and centrifugal pumps — Test method*

ISO 16122-1:2024, *Agricultural and forestry machinery — Inspection of sprayers in use — Part 1: General*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5681:2020 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Requirements and method of verification

4.1 General

Before starting the inspection, the pre-inspection requirements of ISO 16122-1:2024, Clause 5, shall be met.

4.2 Leaks and dripping

4.2.1 Static leaks

The sprayer shall be filled with water to its nominal tank volume.

With the pump not running and the sprayer parked on a level horizontal surface (in case of semi-mobile sprayer), a visual inspection for any leakage from the tank, pump and associated pipes shall be carried out: and there shall be no visible leakage from any part of the sprayer.

For tanks with a volume > 2 000 l, water filling may be reduced to half the nominal volume or to 2 000 l, whichever is the greater. For these cases, an additional visual inspection of the tank shall be carried out in order to identify any cracks, holes or other damage that can cause leakage.

Compliance shall be checked by inspection.

4.2.2 Dynamic leaks

4.2.2.1 Leak test when not spraying

With the sprayer running at a pressure which is equal to the maximum working pressure as specified in the sprayer instruction manual, or if this is not known, max. 20 bar (10 bar for sprayers with the pneumatic nozzles), with the section valves closed, there shall be no visible leakage from any part of the sprayer.

Compliance shall be checked by inspection.

4.2.2.2 Leak test while spraying

While spraying at a pressure that is equal to the maximum working pressure as specified in the sprayer or the nozzle recommendations for the nozzles mounted on the sprayer if lower, there shall be no leakage from any part of the sprayer or spray boom.

Compliance shall be checked by inspection.

4.2.3 Spraying and dripping on parts

Regardless of the distance between the spray boom to the target to be sprayed, in the range between the nozzles and the target surface, no liquid shall be sprayed directly on to the sprayer itself (for example parts of the sprayer, hoses). This does not apply if needed by function (for example sensors) and if dripping is minimised.

Compliance shall be checked by inspection and function test.

4.3 Pump(s)

4.3.1 Capacity

4.3.1.1 General

The pump capacity shall be suited to the needs of the sprayer.

4.3.1.2 Sprayers built according to ISO 16119-4:2014

The agitation capacity (liquid backflow in the tank) of the pump shall be at least equal to the value given in the instruction handbook.

Compliance shall be checked by measurement according to [5.2.1.2](#).