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This document was prepared by CEN (as EN 13284-1:2017) and drafted in accordance with its editorial rules. It was assigned to Technical Committee ISO/TC 146, *Air quality*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Stationary source emissions*, and adopted under the "fast-track procedure".

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12141:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- all technical changes have been listed in [Annex I](#);
- "this European Standard" has been changed to "this document";
- "section" has been changed to "Clause" or "subclause".

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Introduction

The measurement method specified in this document has been developed in close liaison and cooperation between ISO/TC 146/SC 1 and CEN/TC 264, resulting in the preparation of the first editions of the International Standard ISO 12141:2002 and the European Standard EN 13284-1:2001.

In the meantime, CEN/TC 264 has revised EN 13284-1:2001 in order to adapt the content to the state of the art. The basic concept of the measurement method has not been changed. Against this background and to ensure comparability of measurement results at international level, ISO/TC 146/SC 1 has decided to adopt EN 13284-1:2017 without technical changes. However, some editorial adjustments have been made to take account of the international application of this document. For example, references to EN 15259:2007 in EN 13284-1:2017 have been replaced in this document by references to the technically identical ISO 15259:2023.

To meet the specifications of this document, a certain level of accuracy for weighing the particle sample is needed. At low dust concentrations, this level of accuracy can be achieved by:

- a) exercising extreme care in weighing, as per procedures of this document;
- b) extending the sampling time at conventional sampling rates; or
- c) sampling at higher rates for conventional sampling times (high-volume sampling).

High-volume sampling is not part of this document since it was not part of the validation of the measurement method.

The measurement method specified in this document can be used for the calibration of automated measuring systems (AMS) (see ISO 10155). If the waste gas contains unstable, reactive or semivolatile substances, the measurement depends on the filtration temperature, and in-stack methods can be more applicable than out-stack methods for the calibration of AMS.

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Stationary source emissions — Determination of low range mass concentration of dust — Manual gravimetric method

1 Scope

This document specifies the standard reference method (SRM) for the measurement of low dust concentration in ducted gaseous streams in the concentrations below 50 mg/m³ at standard conditions.

This document is primarily developed and validated for gaseous streams emitted by waste incinerators. More generally, it can be applied to gases emitted from other stationary sources, and to higher concentrations.

If the gases contain unstable, reactive or semi-volatile substances, the measurement depends on the sampling and filter treatment conditions.

This method has been validated in field tests with special emphasis to dust concentrations around 5 mg/m³. The results of the field tests are presented in [Annex A](#).

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 15259:2023, *Air quality — Measurement of stationary source emissions — Requirements for measurement sections and sites and for the measurement objective, plan and report*

ISO 16911-1, *Stationary source emissions — Manual and automatic determination of velocity and volume flow rate in ducts — Part 1: Manual reference method*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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 dust

particles, of any shape, structure or density, dispersed in the gas phase at the sampling point conditions which may be collected by filtration under specified conditions after representative sampling of the gas to be analysed, and which remain upstream of the filter and on the filter after drying under specified conditions

3.2 filtration temperature

temperature of the sampled gas immediately downstream of the filter

3.3 in-stack filtration

filtration in the duct with the filter in its filter housing placed immediately downstream of the sampling nozzle

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3.4

out-stack filtration

filtration outside of the duct with the filter in its heated filter housing placed downstream of the sampling nozzle and the suction tube

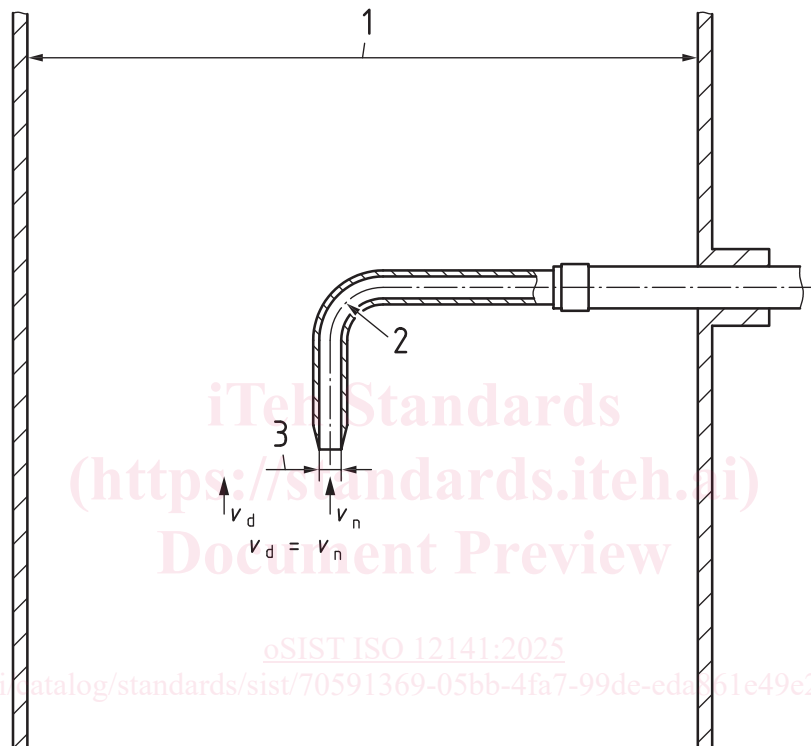
3.5

isokinetic sampling

sampling at a flow rate such that the velocity v_n and direction of the gas entering the sampling nozzle are the same as the velocity v_d and direction of the gas in the duct at the *measurement point* (3.10)

Note 1 to entry: [Figure 1](#) gives an illustration of isokinetic sampling.

Note 2 to entry: [Annex B](#) shows the influence of the *isokinetic rate* (3.6) on the representativeness of the collected particles.

**Key**

- 1 duct
2 radius of the bend (minimum $1,5 d_p$)
3 internal diameter of the suction tube d_p

Figure 1 — Isokinetic sampling

3.6

isokinetic rate

velocity ratio v_n/v_d expressed in percentage as a characteristic of the deviation from *isokinetic sampling* (3.5)

3.7

hydraulic diameter

d_h

quotient of four times the area A and the perimeter P of the *measurement plane* (3.8)

$$d_h = \frac{4 \times A}{P} \quad (1)$$

[SOURCE: ISO 15259:2023, 3.14]

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3.8

measurement plane

plane normal to the centreline of the duct at the sampling position

[SOURCE: ISO 15259:2023, 3.13]

Note 1 to entry: Measurement plane is also known as sampling plane.

3.9

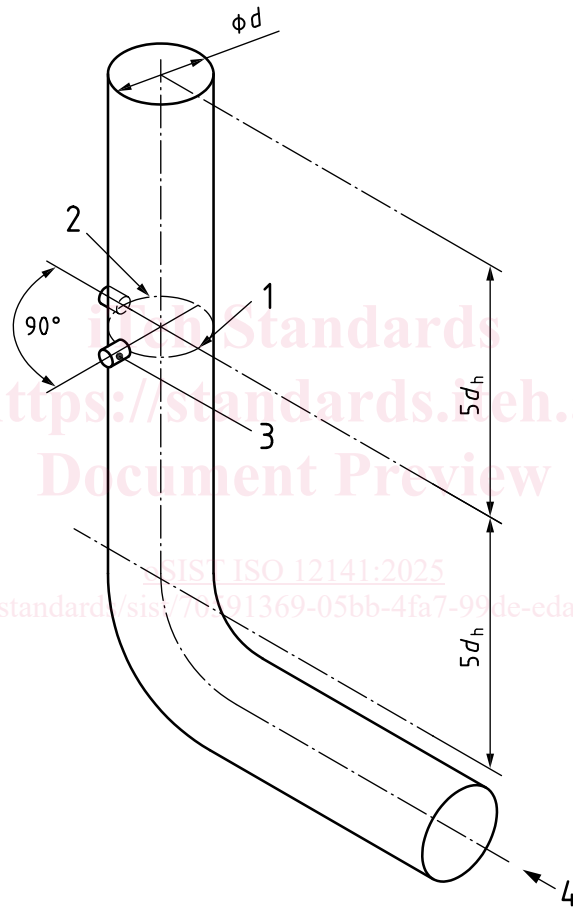
measurement line

line in the sampling plane along which the sampling points are located, bounded by the inner duct wall

[SOURCE: ISO 15259:2023, 3.15]

Note 1 to entry: Measurement line is also known as sampling line.

Note 2 to entry: [Figure 2](#) gives an illustration of definitions in relation to a circular duct.

**Key**

1	measurement line	3	measurement port
2	measurement plane	4	flow direction

Figure 2 — Illustration of definitions in relation to a circular duct

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3.10 measurement point

position in the *measurement plane* (3.8) at which the sample stream is extracted or the measurement data are obtained directly

[SOURCE: ISO 15259:2023, 3.16]

Note 1 to entry: Measurement point is also known as sampling point.

3.11 measurement port

opening in the waste gas duct along the *measurement line* (3.9), through which access to the waste gas is gained

[SOURCE: ISO 15259:2023, 3.18]

Note 1 to entry: Measurement port is also known as sampling port or access port.

3.12 standard conditions

reference values for a dry gas at a pressure of 101,3 kPa and a temperature of 273,15 K

3.13 field blank

sample obtained according to the *field blank procedure* (3.14)

3.14 field blank procedure

procedure used to ensure that no significant contamination has occurred during all the steps of the measurement

Note 1 to entry: This includes for instance the equipment preparation in laboratory, its transport and installation in the field as well as the subsequent analytical work in the laboratory.

3.15 field blank value

result of a measurement performed according to the *field blank procedure* (3.14) at the plant site and in the laboratory

3.16

weighing control

procedure for the detection/correction of apparent weight variations due to possible changes between pre and post sampling weighing conditions

3.17 measurement series

successive measurements carried out at the same *measurement plane* (3.8) and at the same operating conditions of the industrial process

3.18 emission limit value

ELV

limit value given in regulations such as directives, ordinances, administrative regulations, permits, licences, authorizations or consents

Note 1 to entry: ELV can be stated as concentration limits expressed as half-hourly, hourly and daily averaged values, or mass flow limits expressed as hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or annually aggregated values.

Note 2 to entry: For purposes other than regulatory uses, the measurement value is compared to a stated reference value.

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4 Symbols and abbreviations

4.1 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols apply.

A	area of the measurement plane
c	dust concentration
d	diameter of the duct
d_h	hydraulic diameter
d_n	internal diameter of the sampling nozzle
d_p	internal diameter of the suction tube
f_c	correction factor
h_a	humidity of the gas in actual conditions, in percentage volume
h_m	humidity of the gas in measurement conditions, in percentage volume
m	total mass of dust collected upstream of the filter (rinsing) and on the filter
o_m	oxygen concentration in percentage volume of dry gas measured in the duct
o_{ref}	oxygen reference concentration in percentage volume of dry gas
P	perimeter of the measurement plane
p_a	absolute pressure of gases in actual conditions in the duct
p_m	absolute pressure of the gas in measurement conditions at the volume meter
Q_a	sampling volumetric flow rate, expressed in the actual conditions in the duct
Q_m	measured sampling volumetric flow rate at gas meter conditions
T_a	temperature of the gas in actual conditions in the duct, in Kelvin
T_m	temperature of the gas in measurement conditions at the volume meter, in Kelvin
V	sample volume
v_d	velocity of the gas in the duct at the measurement point
v_n	velocity of the gas entering the sampling nozzle

4.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

ELV	emission limit value
PTFE	polytetrafluoroethylene

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5 Principle

A sample stream of the gas is extracted from the main gas stream at representative measurement points for a measured period of time, with an isokinetically controlled flow rate and a measured volume. The dust entrained in the gas sample is separated by a pre-weighed plane filter, which is then dried and re-weighed. Deposits upstream of the filter in the sampling system are also recovered and weighed. The increase of mass of the filter and the deposited mass upstream the filter are attributed to dust collected from the sampled gas, which allows the dust concentration to be calculated.

Two different configurations of the sampling system may be used depending on the characteristics of gases to be sampled (see [7.2.2](#)).

Valid measurements can be achieved only when:

- a) the gas stream in the duct at the measurement site (sampling location) has a sufficiently steady velocity profile (see ISO 15259);
- b) sampling is carried out without disturbance of the gas stream with a sharp edged nozzle facing into the stream under isokinetic conditions;
- c) samples are taken at a pre-selected number of stated positions in the measurement plane, to allow for a non-uniform distribution of dust in the duct;
- d) the sampling system is designed and operated to avoid condensation, chemical reactions and to minimize dust deposits upstream of the filter and to be leak free;
- e) sampling is carried out at an appropriate filtration temperature, e.g. stack temperature or at least the recommended temperature of 160 °C (see [Annex H](#));
- f) dust deposits upstream of the filter are taken into account;
- g) the field blank value does not exceed 10 % of the lowest emission limit value set for the process or 0,5 mg/m³, whichever is greater;
- h) the sampling and weighing procedures are adapted to the expected dust quantities;
- i) the expanded uncertainty calculated by means of an uncertainty budget does not exceed the corresponding specification in the measurement objective. For regulatory purposes the expanded uncertainty shall not exceed 20 % of the emission limit value specified by the authorities unless specified otherwise by the competent authorities.

NOTE The Industrial Emissions Directive of the European Union (IED) e.g. specifies a maximum permissible uncertainty of 30 % of the daily emission limit value (ELV) for automated dust measuring systems. This requires that the expanded uncertainty of the SRM is lower for calibration purposes.

[Annex D](#) provides a summary of the requirements for the application of this measurement method.

6 Measurement planning and sampling strategy

6.1 Measurement planning

Emission measurements at a plant shall be carried out such that the results are representative of the emissions from this plant for operating conditions specified in the measurement objective and comparable with results obtained for other comparable plants. Therefore, dust measurements shall be planned in accordance with ISO 15259.

Before carrying out any measurements, the purpose of the sampling and the sampling procedures shall be discussed with the plant personnel concerned. The nature of the plant process, e.g. steady-state or cyclic, can affect the sampling programme. If the process can be performed in a steady-state, it is important that this is maintained during sampling.