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concentration of carbon monoxide,
carbon dioxide and oxygen in flue
gas — Performance characteristics of
automated measuring systems**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12039:2001), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- The structure and the components are changed to be similar to the latest ISO standards; ISO 17179 (measurement of NH_3), ISO 13199 (measurement of total VOC), ISO 25140 (measurement of CH_4), ISO 21258 (measurement of N_2O) and others.
- Addition or deletion and change in terms and definitions.
- Addition of a new analytical technique (tuneable laser spectroscopy) for in-situ measurement of CO , CO_2 and O_2 .
- The performance characteristics and criteria as well as QA/QC procedures are changed to harmonize with latest ISO standards.
- Examples of performance test results and the results of uncertainty calculation are shown for CO , CO_2 and O_2 measurement.

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Introduction

Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and oxygen are gases found in the exhaust gases of combustion processes. Determination of the concentration of these gases is necessary to demonstrate compliance with local regulations and can assist the operator in the optimization of the combustion process. The determination of O₂ and/or CO₂ is also necessary to normalize the measured concentration of other gases and dusts to defined conditions. There are a number of ways to measure concentrations of CO, CO₂ and O₂ in stacks/ducts.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the fundamental structure and the most important performance characteristics of automated measuring systems for carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂) and oxygen (O₂) to be used on stationary source emissions. This document describes methods and equipment for the measurement of concentrations of these gases.

The method allows continuous monitoring with permanently installed measuring systems of CO, CO₂ and O₂ emissions. This international standard describes extractive systems and in situ (non-extractive) systems in connection with analysers that operate using, for example, the following principles:

- infrared absorption (CO and CO₂);
- paramagnetism (O₂);
- zirconium oxide (O₂);
- electrochemical cell (O₂);
- tuneable laser spectroscopy (TLS) (CO, CO₂ and O₂).

Other instrumental methods can be used provided they meet the minimum requirements proposed in this document.

Automated measuring systems (AMS) based on the principles above have been used successfully in this application for measuring ranges which are described in [Annex G](#).

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 14956, *Air quality — Evaluation of the suitability of a measurement procedure by comparison with a required measurement uncertainty*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

analyser

analytical part in an extractive or *in situ* AMS ([3.3](#))