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Introduction

This document describes basic requirements for filtering respiratory protective devices (RPD) and its elements and components.

Requirements for RPD used in environments for special applications are given in the relevant parts of the ISO 17420 series.

Some test methods are described. For other test methods references are given to the ISO 16900 series "Methods of test and test equipment" or other test methods not developed by ISO/TC 94/SC 15.

[Annex A](#) gives information about reliability.

[Annex B](#) features an example of a FMEA (Failure Mode and Effects Analysis).

[Annex C](#) gives the test schedules including any pre-conditioning and number of samples.

[Annex D](#) provides information for normalisation of test results.

The sequence of testing follows the principle to minimize the necessary number of samples by carrying out destructive tests at the end. It also includes for safety reason that tests with test subjects are only carried out after the test samples have shown their safe performance in other tests.

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Respiratory protective devices — Performance requirements —

Part 2: Requirements for filtering RPD

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the performance and testing of filtering respiratory protective devices (RPD) in accordance with their classification and for use in the workplace to protect the wearer from hazardous atmospheres and/or environments.

Requirements for RPD elements and components are also specified in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

ISO 16900-1:2019, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 1: Determination of inward leakage*

ISO 16900-2, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 2: Determination of breathing resistance*

ISO 16900-3, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 3: Determination of particle filter penetration*

ISO 16900-4:2011, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 4: Determination of gas filter capacity and migration, desorption and carbon monoxide dynamic testing*

ISO 16900-5, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 5: Breathing machine, metabolic simulator, RPD headforms and torso, tools and verification tools*

ISO 16900-6:—¹⁾, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 6: Mechanical resistance/strength of components and connections*

ISO 16900-7:2020, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 7: Practical performance test methods*

ISO 16900-8, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 8: Measurement of RPD air flow rates of assisted filtering RPD*

ISO 16900-9, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 9: Determination of carbon dioxide content of the inhaled gas*

ISO 16900-12, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 12: Determination of volume-averaged work of breathing and peak respiratory pressures*

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