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perméation par des produits chimiques - Partie 2:
Perméation par un produit chimique gazeux dans des
conditions de contact continu

Bestimmung des Widerstands von Materialien gegen die
Permeation von Chemikalien - Teil 2: Permeation durch
eine gasförmige Chemikalie unter Dauerkontakt

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Foreword

This document (EN 16523-2:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 162 "Protective clothing including hand and arm protection and lifejackets", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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EN 16523, *Determination of material resistance to permeation by chemicals*, is composed of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Permeation by liquid chemical under conditions of continuous contact;*
- *Part 2: Permeation by gaseous chemical under conditions of continuous contact* [the present document].

NOTE CEN/TC 162 WG 13 has foreseen to work on other test methods in the future that will spread in several standard parts:

- *Permeation by solid chemical under conditions of continuous contact;*
- *Permeation by chemical under conditions of intermittent contact;*
- *Permeation by chemical of seams, joins, assemblages and closers;*
- *Permeation by chemical in a form of droplets;*
- *Guide on testing and interpretation.*

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Introduction

This European Standard is used in conjunction with EN 16523-1. A future part of EN 16523 will explain the use of the series of standards EN 16523.

This standard includes only the specific aspects linked with the testing with gaseous challenge chemicals.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a test method for the determination of the resistance of protective clothing, gloves and footwear materials to permeation by potentially hazardous gaseous chemicals under the condition of continuous contact.

This test method is applicable to the assessment of protection against gaseous chemicals that can be collected only by liquid or gaseous collecting media.

This test method is not adapted for the assessment of gaseous chemical mixtures.

This test method describes the modifications to EN 16523-1 necessary to test against gaseous chemicals that can be collected by liquid or gaseous collecting media.

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.

EN 16523-1:2015, *Determination of material resistance to permeation by chemicals — Part 1: Permeation by liquid chemical under conditions of continuous contact*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in EN 16523-1:2015 together with the following apply.

3.1

gaseous challenge chemical

chemical that is gaseous at the test conditions (atmospheric pressure and 23 °C) and that is used to challenge the PPE (protective clothing, gloves and footwear) material specimen

Note 1 to entry: Annex A lists the most common gaseous challenge chemicals. Other gases may be tested.

Note 2 to entry: The gas may be either pure or diluted in air or in nitrogen.

4 Test principle

The resistance of a PPE (protective clothing, gloves and footwear) material to permeation by a gaseous chemical is determined by measuring the normalized breakthrough time (NBT).

In the permeation test apparatus, the PPE (protective clothing, gloves and footwear) material separates the challenge chemical from the collecting medium. The collecting medium, which can be a gas or, a liquid, is analysed quantitatively for its concentration of the chemical and thereby the amount of that chemical that has permeated the barrier as a function of time after its initial contact with the PPE (protective clothing, gloves and footwear) material.

5 Collecting media

See EN 16523-1:2015, Clause 5.

When selecting the collecting media, the following points should be taken in consideration:

- a) oxidation;

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