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This document has the general title “Smoke and heat control systems” and consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: *Specification for smoke barriers;*
- Part 2: *Specification for natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators;*
- Part 3: *Specification for powered smoke and heat exhaust ventilators;*
- Part 4: *Installed SHEVS systems for smoke and heat ventilation (published as CEN/TR 12101-4);*
- Part 5: *Design and calculation for smoke and heat exhaust ventilation systems using a steady-state fire (published as CEN/TR 12101-5);*
- Part 6: *Specification for pressure differential systems;*
- Part 7: *Smoke control duct sections;*
- Part 8: *Specification for smoke control dampers;*
- Part 10: *Power supplies;*
- Part 11: *Design, installation and commissioning requirements for enclosed car parks;*
- Part 12: *Design and calculation for smoke and heat exhaust ventilation systems using a time dependent fire;*
- Part 13: *Pressure differential systems (PDS) - Design and calculation methods, installation, acceptance testing, routine testing and maintenance.*

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Introduction

This document covers information and requirements on the design and calculation methods, installation, acceptance testing, routine testing and maintenance of Pressure Differential Systems (PDS). PDSs are installed in buildings to prevent smoke in hazardous amounts from entering into protected spaces via leakage paths through physical barriers (e.g. cracks around closed doors) or open doors by using pressure differentials.

The requirements and test methods for kits used in PDS are published in EN 12101-6. For certain components as part of the kits, additional tests must be carried out in accordance with Part 6 prior to the kit test.

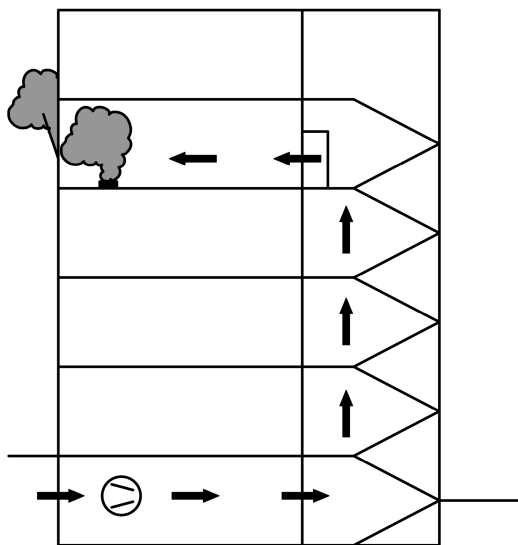


Figure 1 — Pressurization (General)

Pressure differential systems provide a means of maintaining tenable conditions in protected spaces, that are required to be kept free of smoke – e.g. escape routes, firefighting access routes, firefighting lift shafts, lobbies, staircases, and other spaces. It is necessary to determine where the fresh air supply for the PDS is to be introduced into a building as well as where that air and smoke will leave the building and what paths it will follow in the process, including during firefighting (e.g. with fire compartment door open) and in the event of likely events such as window failure.

By means of a PDS, a positive pressure difference is always achieved between the protected space and the unprotected space. This is achieved by pressurizing the protected space(s) (see Figure 1).

The aim therefore is to establish a pressure gradient from the protected space to the unprotected space while the doors are closed and an airflow from the protected space via the unprotected space to outside when specific doors are open.

The figures that accompany the text in this document are informative and are intended for clarification purposes only.

It is recommended that the designer should discuss the design and evacuation concept, including safety targets, with the authorities having jurisdiction, early in the building design process.

NOTE 1 From experience gained since EN 12101-6 was first published, this document now simply prescribes two systems only and these are specifically described in terms of the closed-door differential pressure and the open-door velocity only. Consequently the 10 Pa previously required in some scenarios is now withdrawn.

NOTE 2 It is recommended that an engineered solution for a PDS should adopt the functional requirements set out in this document where appropriate, inclusive of Table 1 as a minimum, in the absence of any national requirements.

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1 Scope

This document gives calculation methods, guidance and requirements for the design, installation, acceptance testing, routine testing and maintenance for pressure differential systems (PDS).

PDSs are designed to hold back smoke at a leaky physical barrier in a building, such as a door (either open or closed) or other similarly restricted openings and to keep tenable conditions in escape and access routes depending on the application.

It covers systems intended to protect means of escape e.g. staircases, corridors, lobbies, as well as systems intended to provide a protected firefighting space (bridgehead) for the fire services.

It provides details on the critical features and relevant procedures for the installation.

It describes the commissioning procedures and acceptance testing criteria required to confirm that the calculated design is achieved in the building.

This document gives rules, requirements and procedures to design PDS for buildings up to 60 m.

For buildings taller than 60 m the same requirements are given (e.g. Table 1), but additional methods of calculation and verification are necessary. Requirements for such methods and verification are given in Annex D, but the methods fall outside the scope of this document [e.g. Additional mathematical analysis and/or Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)].

Routine testing and maintenance requirements are also defined in this document.

In the absence of national requirements and under expected ambient and outside conditions, the requirements in Table 1 are fulfilled by the PDS.

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.

EN 12101-2, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 2: Natural smoke and heat exhaust ventilators*

EN 12101-3, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 3: Specification for powered smoke and heat control ventilators (Fans)*

EN 12101-6, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 6: Specification for pressure differential systems - Kits*

EN 12101-7, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 7: Smoke duct sections*

EN 12101-8, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 8: Smoke control dampers*

EN 12101-10, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 10: Power supplies*

EN 13501-4, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 4: Classification using data from fire resistance tests on components of smoke control systems*

ISO 21927-9, *Smoke and heat control systems - Part 9: Specification for control equipment*

EN 16763, *Services for fire safety systems and security systems*

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