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Foreword

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Introduction

Filters are subjected to evaluation of their initial performance and dust-loaded performance in laboratory tests using specified test dusts. The results are to reflect the performance of the filter as installed in a building. However, since the properties of atmospheric aerosols vary to a large extent regionally, seasonally, and according to weather conditions, test data obtained with a given test dust seldom accurately predict the filter performance as actually used. In addition to this, the test results with a given test dust might not be in agreement with those obtained by other laboratories because the filter performance is affected by many factors such as particle size distribution, particle agglomeration, and electrical charge. Despite these problems in testing filter performance, the test data are used for the classification of filters, estimation of energy consumption, Life Cycle Cost (LCC), and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

The test dust used for evaluating initial performance and loaded performance of filters can have a different specification from the dust used to achieve filter loading.

This International Standard does not control the specification, manufacturing, or use of test dusts. It describes the properties of test dusts which can be used to load filters, and the requirements for test dust generation that will ensure that useful laboratory test results are obtained in order to mimic the actual use as much as possible.

Test dusts for evaluating air cleaning equipment

1 Scope

This International Standard defines the properties of load test dusts used for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) air filters as well as air cleaning equipment in laboratories. Test dusts used for evaluation of efficiency performance are not included.

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 updated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 12103-1, *Road vehicles — Test dust for filter evaluation — Part 1: Arizona test dust*

ISO/TS 21220, *Particulate air filters for general ventilation — Determination of filtration performance*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

dust feeder

device which is used to distribute test dust to the filter

3.2

median diameter

diameter of the particle for which the cumulated volume fraction is equal to 50 % on a cumulated volume particle size distribution curve

3.3

undersize

percentage in volume of particles smaller than a specified particle size in a particle size distribution

3.4

particulate matter

PM

size fraction of the natural aerosol (liquid and solid particles) suspended in ambient air, with the symbol PM_x where x defines the size range of the aerodynamic diameter

Note 1 to entry: The following particle size fractions are used in this International Standard.

Fraction	Category	Size range μm
PM10	Thoracic fraction	≤10
PM2,5	Respirable fraction	≤2,5

Note 2 to entry: The collection efficiency of the correct equipment at the considered diameter is equal to 50 %.

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