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The main changes are as follows:

— definitions that appear in ISO 18158 have been removed from this document, with ISO 18158 being added as a reference (replacing references to EN 1540);

— references to EN 482 have been replaced with ISO 20581;

— the text has been editorially updated.

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Introduction

Many different methods are used to determine the concentration of chemical and biological agents in workplace air. Many of these methods involve the use of a pump and sampler connected by a flexible tube. Air is drawn through the sampler and chemical and biological agents are trapped, e.g. on a filter, sorbent tube or long-term detector tube, or in a gas washing bottle. In personal sampling, the pump and sampler are attached to the worker to collect chemical and biological agents in the breathing zone.

The volume of air drawn by the pump during the sampling period is one of the quantities in the calculation of the concentration of the chemical and biological agents in air. Therefore, the volume of air sampled should be determined accurately and, in order to facilitate this, the flow rate should be maintained within acceptable limits throughout the sampling period. For particle size selective sampling, the short-term fluctuation of the flow rate should also be maintained within acceptable limits in order to ensure that the sampler exhibits the required collection characteristics.

ISO 20581[1] specifies general performance criteria for methods for measuring the concentration of chemical and biological agents in workplace air. These performance criteria include maximum values of expanded uncertainty that are not to be exceeded under prescribed laboratory conditions. In addition, the performance criteria should also be met under a wider variety of environmental influences, representative of workplace conditions. The contribution of the sampling pump to measurement uncertainty should be kept to a minimum.

This document is intended to enable manufacturers and users of personal sampling pumps to adopt a consistent approach to, and provide a framework for, the assessment of the specified performance criteria. Manufacturers are urged to ensure that pumps meet the requirements laid down in this document, including environmental influences which can be expected to affect performance.

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Workplace atmospheres — Pumps for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents — Requirements and test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies performance requirements for battery powered pumps used for personal sampling of chemical and biological agents in workplace air. It also specifies test methods in order to determine the performance characteristics of such pumps under prescribed laboratory conditions.

This document is applicable to battery powered pumps having a nominal volumetric flow rate above 10 ml · min^{-1}, as used with combinations of sampler and collection substrate for sampling of gases, vapours, dusts, fumes, mists and fibres.

This document is primarily intended for flow-controlled pumps.

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 18158, *Workplace air — Terminology*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 0: Equipment — General requirements*

IEC 61000-6-1, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-1: Generic standards — Immunity standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-3: Generic standards — Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18158 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
flow rate
volumetric flow rate
amount of air volume per time, drawn by a pump through a test set-up, at the ambient conditions

3.2
nominal flow rate range
range of volumetric flow rate values, adjustable at the pump, at which the manufacturer claims that the pump can operate at a constant flow rate up to the maximum value of the required pressure drop range for the operating time

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3.3
pulsation
short-term relative variation of volumetric flow rate at a given flow rate

4 Type of pump

Sampling pumps are classified according to their intended use as follows:

— type P: pumps for personal sampling of airborne particles;

— type G: pumps for personal sampling of gases and vapours.

NOTE 1 Type P pumps can be used for personal sampling of gases and vapours as long as they conform with the type G pump requirements.

NOTE 2 For types of pump mechanism and control system. See Annex A.

5 Requirements

5.1 Features

The pump shall have the following features:

a) an automatic control which keeps the volumetric flow rate nominally constant;

b) a means to reduce the likelihood of unintentional or unauthorized adjustment of any pump control, such that it is concealed beneath a cover, can only be actuated with the aid of a tool, or requires specialized knowledge for operation;

c) either a malfunction indicator which, following completion of sampling, indicates that the air flow has been reduced or interrupted during sampling, or an automatic cut-out which stops the pump if the flow rate deviates by more than 5 % or is interrupted;

d) a fuse or resettable breaker which interrupts the current in the electrical circuit of the pump in the case of excessive current drain;

e) a filter which prevents particles from being drawn into the mechanism of the pump;

f) a means to secure the pump on a person (integrated or available as an accessory).

NOTE Some pumps use internal sensors to provide atmospheric pressure and air flow data. Information on the use of these sensors is given in Annex B.

5.2 Mass

The mass of the pump, including batteries and integral holders, shall not exceed 1,2 kg for sampling pumps with a flow rate of less or equal than 5 $l \cdot min^{-1}$ and 2,5 kg for sampling pumps with a flow rate above 5 $l \cdot min^{-1}$.

5.3 Design safety

The outer case of the pump shall be so designed that there are no sharp corners or other uncomfortable protruding parts.

5.4 Operating time

The operating time shall be at least 1 h and should preferably be greater than 8 h. This applies to the complete nominal flow rate range against the pressure drops as specified in Table 4 at (5 ± 2) °C. The

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