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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13322-1:2004), which has been technically revised.

ISO 13322 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Particle size analysis — Image analysis methods*:

— *Part 1: Static image analysis methods*

— *Part 2: Dynamic image analysis methods*

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Introduction

The purpose of this part of ISO 13322 is to give guidance when using images for particle size analysis.

Image analysis is a technique that has gained popularity in different applications. The aim of this part of ISO 13322 is to give a standardized description of the technique used and its validation. This part of ISO 13322 does not describe specific instruments and is restricted to those parts of the acquisition of images that are relevant to the accuracy of the particle size analysis.

This part of ISO 13322 includes methods of calibration verification and recommends using a certified standard as a reference scale. However it is sensible to make some measurements on particles under study, or other reference objects, of known size so that the likely systematic uncertainties introduced by the equipment can be assessed.

Errors introduced at all stages of the analysis from sub-division of the sample to generation of the final result add to the total uncertainty of measurements and it is important to obtain estimates for the uncertainty arising from each stage.

Essential operations are identified to ensure that measurements made conform to this part of ISO 13322 and are traceable.

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Particle size analysis — Image analysis methods —

Part 1: Static image analysis methods

1 Scope

This part of ISO 13322 is applicable to the analysis of images for the purpose of determining particle size distributions where the velocity of the particles against the axis of the optical system of the imaging device is zero. The particles are appropriately dispersed and fixed in the object plane of the instrument. The field of view may sample the object plane dynamically either by moving the sample support or the camera provided this can be accomplished without any motion effects on the image. Captured images can be analysed subsequently.

This part of ISO 13322 concentrates upon the analysis of digital images created from either light or electron detection systems. It does not address the method of creating the image although the detection settings chosen together with its calibration are important to particle sizing accuracy. This part of ISO 13322 considers only image evaluation methods using complete pixel counts.

Both the type of distribution, (by number or by volume) together with the width of the particle size distribution has a very material influence upon the number of particles to be measured to secure the desired accuracy within the specified confidence limits. An example is shown in Annex A.

Automation of the analysis is possible in order to measure sufficient particle numbers for a required degree of precision.

This part of ISO 13322 does not address the sample preparation. However, the sub sampling, dispersion and presentation of particles to be measured are a vital part of the operational chain of actions necessary to ensure accuracy and precision of any final result.

NOTE Further details about sampling and sample preparation can be found in ISO 14887 and ISO 14488.

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 9276-1, *Representation of results of particle size analysis — Part 1: Graphical representation*

ISO 9276-2, *Representation of results of particle size analysis — Part 2: The calculations of average particle sizes/diameters and moments from particle size distributions*

ISO 14488, *Particulate materials — Sampling and sample splitting for the determination of particulate properties*

3 Terms and definitions and list of symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

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