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Introduction

Welding and allied processes generate fume and gases, which, if inhaled, can be harmful to human health. Control is often required to maintain exposure at acceptable levels and this can be achieved by capturing the fume and gases using local exhaust ventilation.

For a particular capture device, the air velocity to capture welding fume can only be achieved by applying a minimum air volume flow rate. Consequently, capture devices need to be used with exhaust systems that provide, at least, the minimum air volume flow rate.

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Part 4:

Determination of the minimum air volume flow rate of capture devices

1 Scope

This document specifies two methods for establishing the minimum air volume flow rate. One method is dedicated for use with captor hoods, nozzles and slot nozzles with a ratio of slot length to hose diameter of 8:1 or less. The other method is dedicated for use with on-gun extraction devices.

These methods are not applicable to down draught tables.

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 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 21904-1:2020, *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Equipment for capture and separation of welding fume — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100 and ISO 21904-1 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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4 Captor hoods, nozzles and slot nozzles

4.1 Principle

Tests are performed to determine the minimum air volume flow rate to provide a suction field of given dimensions and air velocity at a measured distance perpendicular to the entry plane of the hood. The required velocity in the suction field as specified in ISO 21904-1:2020, 5.2, and the required dimensions are at least $1,5 D$ long and at least $1 D$ wide at a distance of $1,5 D$, where D is the internal diameter of the extraction duct. It can be achieved by the measurement described in 4.3 or by numerical simulation (Computational Fluid Dynamics, CFD).